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₹2,600-cr. incentive for banks to promote digital payments

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet approved an outlay of ₹2,600 crore to promote payments using RuPay cards and the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), said Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav on Wednesday. Banks will be provided this incentive money to promote such digital payments, an official press release said.

The fund will be paid to banks in view of the lack of a Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) – a commission on digital transactions – for UPI and RuPay transactions. This regime has led to complaints from the Reserve Bank of India and banks, the Cabinet said, which have been worried about the sustainability of building digital payments infrastructure in the absence of payments needed to maintain them.

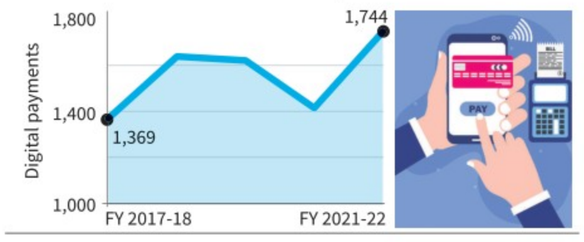
"The scheme will also promote UPI Lite and UPI 123PAY as economical and user-friendly digital payments solutions and enable further deepening of digital payments in the country," the Cabinet said, referring to payment systems recently introduced by the National Payments Corporation of India to reduce the load on banking networks for small transactions, and to allow payments over older feature phones, respectively.

As a result of a previous incentive scheme for digital payments in the last financial year, the Cabinet said, "total digital payments transactions have registered a year-on-year growth of 59%, rising from [₹]5,554 crore in FY2020-21 to [₹]8,840 crore in FY2021-22."

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had earlier committed continued financial support for digital payments systems, and the Cabinet said that this new scheme is in line with that commitment.

Online takeoff

In FY2021-22, there was an increase of 23% in digital payments from the previous fiscal year. A look at total digital payments (value in ₹ lakh crore) in the last five years



V-P says court can't dilute Parliament's sovereignty

Dhankhar says he does not subscribe to the idea that judiciary can strike down amendments passed by the legislature on the ground that they violate the 'Basic Structure' of the Constitution

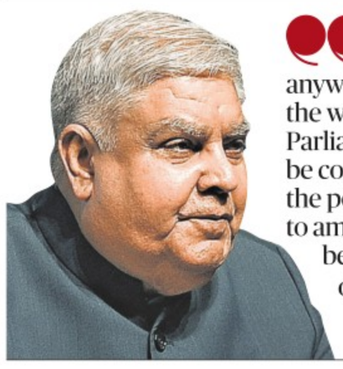
The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Amid a debate on the process of appointment of judges, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Wednesday made strong comments on "public posturing" or "one-upmanship" by the judiciary.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla also spoke in a similar vein.

Inaugurating the 83rd All India Presiding Officers conference, Mr. Dhankhar, who is the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, said that as presiding officers of legislatures, "We cannot have an ostrich-like stance on judiciary-legislature relations."

"Parliamentary sovereignty cannot be permitted to be diluted or compromised by the executive or the judiciary, and public posturing or 'one-upmanship' that is being frequently witnessed in this matter is not 'wholesome'," he added.



> This has not happened anywhere else in the world. How can Parliament's sovereignty be compromised?... Can the power of Parliament to amend the Constitution be dependent on any other institution?
>
> **JAGDEEP DHANKHAR**
> Vice-President

NJAC Act

Mr. Dhankhar again brought up the striking down of the National Judicial Appointments Commission Act as a case of judicial overreach. He noted that it was in 1973, in the *Kesavananda Bharati* case, that the Supreme Court evolved for the first time the right of the courts to strike down Constitution amendments that violated what it called the Basic Structure, or the fundamental architecture, of the Constitution.

"I do not subscribe to this, with due respect to the judiciary," he said.

Hitherto unheard of

In similar remarks on the NJAC Act during his inaugural address in the Rajya Sabha on December 7, Mr. Dhankhar had said that "there was no parallel to such a development in democratic history where a duly legitimised constitutional prescription has been judicially undone".

At the conference on Wednesday, he said there was complete unanimity in the Lok Sabha while passing the Constitution (Amendment) Bill. There was not a single dissenting voice. In the Rajya Sabha, there was unanimity apart from one abstention.

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Cong. promises 200 units of free power

BELAGAVI
The Congress has promised to provide 200 units of free power to all households in the State if the party is voted to power in Karnataka. The electoral promise came from D.K. Shivakumar, KPCC president.
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'Booster dose immunity sustaining'

BENGALURU
A study by Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research has shown presence of neutralising antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in 99.4% of those who had taken the COVID-19 precaution dose a year ago. » Page 2

Confluence of the faithful

Pilgrims' tents at the Sangam, the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati rivers, during the ongoing Magh Mela in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, on Wednesday. Devotees take a holy dip at the confluence during the fair that ends on February 18. SANDEEP SAXENA

Case filed against officials of firm, BMRCL; 3 metro officials suspended

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city police have named in the FIR eight officials of the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) and the company involved in the work at the Namma Metro construction site where an accident resulted the death of a mother and her son on Tuesday.

BMRCL has also suspended three officials, two of whom have been named in the FIR. The accused in the FIR are: Nagarjuna Construction Company (NCC) Ltd; Prabhakar, JE, NCC; Chaitanya, Director, NCC; Mathai, SPM, NCC; Vikas Singh, PM, NCC; Lakshmipathi, supervisor, NCC; Venkatesh Shetty, Deputy Chief Engineer, BMRCL; and Mahesh Bendekari, Executive Engineer, BMRCL.

The suspended officials are: Venkatesh Shetty, Deputy Chief Engineer; Mahesh Bendekari, Executive Engineer; and Jaffer Siddique, Site Engineer, BMRCL. Bhimashankar Guled, DCP (East) said the police would serve notices to all the accused and record their statements as the first step in the investigation.

"The Forensic Science Laboratory, Madiwala, has collected samples from the accident site. We have asked for a report from the Indian Institute of Science to fix accountability. Based on the reports, we will file a chargesheet," he said.

Metro accident victims' family demands cancellation of contract, licence of company

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after the collapse of a structure at a construction site of the Namma Metro claimed two lives – that of a mother and her toddler – the family members of the deceased on Wednesday, demanded the cancellation of the contract for the stretch where the accident occurred and the licence of the firm.

Nagarjuna Construction Company (NCC) Ltd has the contract for the Airport Line (Phase 2B Blue Line) between K.R. Puram and Kempegowda International Airport, on which the accident occurred.

"The contract with the company should immediately be cancelled. The contractor has evidently not taken safety precautions, and the quality of construction is also low. How can he erect such tall pillars on a road with so much traffic without adequate safety protocols? If the iron rods have bent, what is the quality of the iron? We demand that the contract should immediately be cancelled," said an angry Madan Kumar, father of the deceased Tejaswini.

Lohith, Tejaswini's husband, who was riding the bike, when the accident occurred, appealed to the government to take adequate safety measures at Namma Metro construction sites and ensure that nobody suffered what he did. "I have lost everything. I don't know why I am alive to suffer this," he lamented.

Protective measures provided for the structure at the Namma Metro construction site near HBR Layout on Wednesday after it collapsed the previous day leading to the death of a mother and her toddler son. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Govt. assurance

While other family members said that they would collect the mortal remains of the mother-son duo only after the government cancelled the contract, officials managed to convince family members, assuring them of suitable action against those responsible for the accident, and the bodies were taken to Davanagere for last rites on Wednesday.

Speaking to journalists, Mr. Kumar said the family had lost a lot with these deaths and no amount of compensation could bring back his daughter and grandson. "Talking of monetary compensation is useless," he said.

HC orders status quo on use of land at newly set up Isha Yoga Centre at Chickballapur

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday, directed Isha Yoga Centre (IYC) and the State authorities to maintain status quo, as on Wednesday, on the nature of land and activities at IYC situated near Chickballapur till further orders.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi passed the interim order in the morning session on a PIL petition filed by Kyathappa S. and three others from Chickballapur, and adjourned further hearing on the petition by three weeks.

However, IYC moved the court in the afternoon session seeking urgent hearing on the petition on Thursday by pointing out that Vice-President of India is scheduled to inaugurate an event on January 15 to install the 112 feet tall idol of Adiyogi Shiva.

The IYC counsel alleged that the petitioners have approached the court by suppressing several facts and stated that interim order would affect preparation under way.

Though the Bench agreed to take up the petition for urgent hearing, it said that it cannot hear the petition on Thursday as requested by IYC's advocate and posted the petition for hearing on Friday.

'Threat to environment'

It has been alleged in the petition that several parcels of land, situated in the foothills of the famous Nandi Hills, were said to have been purchased by Isha Foundation and Isha Business Private Limited, and the government has transferred several parcels of revenue lands to IYC in violation of law.

Pointing out that construction works were carried on these lands by using huge machineries, the petitioners have claimed that the nature of construction and the proposed activities of IYC pose a serious threat to the environment and ecological system, including rivers around Nandi Hills.

The petitioners have contended that already a large number of vehicles reach the centre centre during the week, and with the installation of the idol, the IYC is set to witness lakhs of visitors resulting in demographic pressure and damage to flora and fauna.

Chickballapur district authorities have granted several permissions since 2019 for setting up IYC illegally, the petitioner have alleged while seeking a high-level inquiry against the officials.

Some parcel of government lands was handed over to the IYC for educational purposes but the land is being used for business purpose, the petitioners have claimed while terming the activities of IYC are "business" in nature.

Britain, Japan sign defence agreement

Associated Press
LONDON

The leaders of Britain and Japan signed a defence agreement on Wednesday that could see troops deployed to each others' countries.

The two countries are strengthening military ties amid growing concern about China's increasing military assertiveness and designs toward Taiwan, which it considers a renegade province.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida formally signed the agreement in the symbolic setting of the Tower of London fortress.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

The Defence Ministry approves procurement proposals

4,276 In ₹ crore, the worth of the three procurement proposals approved by the Defence Ministry, including that of Helina anti-tank guided missiles, to bolster the combat capabilities of the Armed forces along the Line of Actual Control with China. The proposals were cleared by the Defence Acquisition Council. PTI

A slow-down in India's financial growth, says World Bank

6.6 In percentage, India's economic growth rate in the next financial year from 6.9% in 2022-23, according to the World Bank's latest projection. India however is expected to be the fastest-growing economy of the seven largest emerging-market and developing economies, it said. The growth rate in FY23 compares with 8.7% the previous year. PTI

Top 20% students from boards can appear for JEE exams

20 The percentage of students who have topped each education board in their class 12 boards who will now be eligible to seek admission in IITs and NITs and appear for JEE Advanced even if they haven't scored 75% marks in class 12, according to sources from the Ministry of Education. The decision comes against the backdrop of demands to relax JEE criteria. PTI

Cabinet approves schemes promoting online transactions

2,600 In ₹ crore, the amount approved by the Cabinet for the incentive scheme promoting RuPay debit cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions. Under the scheme, banks would be provided financial incentives for promoting Point of Sale/e-commerce transactions using RuPay and UPI in the current financial year. PTI

Government approves cooperative societies for organic products

3 The number of new cooperative societies the government decided to establish to promote organic products, seeds and exports. The decision was taken in the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Cabinet approved the establishment of multiple societies. PTI

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Why is the land sinking in Joshimath?

What significance does the town of Joshimath have? What is its geological setting and how resistant is it to landslides and extreme weather? What is the Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti? How have lack of drainage and wastewater disposal systems contributed to land subsidence?

EXPLAINER

Kavita Upadhyay

Unstable land: This house has been identified as unsafe due to cracks developed in and around it. KRISHNAN V.V.

The story so far:

Cracks first appeared in a few houses in Uttarakhand's Joshimath town in October 2021. Over a year later, by January 11, 2023, 723 houses in all of the nine wards in the town had developed major or minor cracks on the floors, ceilings and walls. In response, 145 families have been temporarily moved to safer locations within the town.

Where is the town of Joshimath situated?

At a height of 6,107 feet, Joshimath is a busy town in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand. Despite a population of only about 23,000, it has been heavily built-on, with hotels, resorts, and a bustling market that caters mainly to tourists, pilgrims, trekkers and personnel of the Army and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

After the 1962 India-China war, Joshimath emerged as a place of strategic importance as it leads to villages along the India-China border. It is also en route to Barahoti, a disputed territory along the border. The town is also a gateway to noted sites of pilgrimage – Badrinath for Hindus and Hemkund Sahib for Sikhs; the international skiing site of Auli; and the Valley of Flowers, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

However, today, Joshimath is overly burdened with structures built without any regard for the land's load-bearing capacity.

How vulnerable is Joshimath?

Joshimath's geological setting, together with the unplanned and rampant construction in and around the town, has resulted in land subsidence. The signs of sinking first appeared in October 2021, when 14 families in the Chhawani Bazar locality noted cracks in their houses. Subsequently, cracks continued to appear around town and residents resorted to repairs. The situation became particularly alarming towards the end of 2022 and the beginning of 2023, when large parts of the town experienced sudden land-sinking and several houses developed major cracks.

Joshimath is built on the deposits of an old landslide, which means that the slopes can be destabilised even by slight triggers. The town is also in Zone V, which, as per India's seismic zonation scheme, denotes the highest risk. It lies between two thrusts, the Main Central Thrust (MCT) and the Vaikrita Thrust (VT), and thus occupies a seismically active terrain. Geologist Navin Juyal, who conducted research on land subsidence in the town in 2022, said that because of the MCT, the area around Joshimath is highly active in terms of slope mobility.

Joshimath is also prone to extreme weather. "Climatologically, Joshimath lies in a region that frequently receives high-intensity, focussed rainfall," Mr. Juyal said. Extreme rains, for example, could trigger landslides, since the slopes are precariously balanced, he said.

A report on Joshimath published by the Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA) in September 2022 said that the floods of June 2013 and February 2021 heightened erosion in the area. Very heavy rains in October 2021 – 190 mm in 24 hours – worsened the subsidence and vulnerability to landslides, it stated.

Land subsidence was noticed in the area decades ago. The then Uttar Pradesh government (Uttarakhand was then a part of Uttar Pradesh) formed a committee led by M.C. Mishra to study its causes. The committee's report of 1976 warned against heavy and unscientific construction in the town, writing: "Joshimath is a deposit of sand and stone ... hence was not a suitable place for the coming up of a township. Vibrations produced by blasting and heavy traffic will also lead [to] disequilibrium in natural factors." However, Joshimath continued to develop exactly the way the Mishra committee had advised against.

What is the role of the NTPC?

Locals have blamed the National Thermal Power Corporation's (NTPC) 520-MW Tapovan Vishnugad hydropower project, under construction in the area, for exacerbating Joshimath's land subsidence. On December 24, 2009, a tunnel boring machine punctured an aquifer some three km from Selang village, which is only about five km from Joshimath. The tunnel is nearly a kilometre under Auli, near Joshimath. The puncture released water at 700-800 litres per second, enough to meet the needs of at least two million people every day, as per a 2010 article by researchers affiliated with the Dehradun-based Uttarakhand Disaster Mitigation and Management Centre and the Srinagar Garhwal-based Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna (HNB) Garhwal University.

O.P. Dimri (50), a Joshimath local, said, "After the (2009) incident, water sources in our town started to dry up." Additionally, while the amount of discharge has reduced over the years, it has still not stopped, stated Puran Billangwal (43), another Joshimath resident. Atul Sati, convener of the Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti, which has been protesting against projects detrimental to Joshimath since 2004 and is currently leading protests demanding adequate relief and rehabilitation for Joshimath's residents whose houses have been damaged, believes that the water released in 2009 is a major contributor to the subsidence. This month, water laden with muck and some volatile chemicals, began surfacing in the town's Marwari ward. "Several of us believe the water is from the February 7, 2021 flood that would have entered into the (under-construction) tunnel of the Tapovan Vishnugad project and is now surfacing in Joshimath," Mr. Sati said, adding that the water has been sent to Dehradun for tests.

However, there have been no scientific studies establishing links between the puncture and the subsidence in Joshimath. Therefore, the NTPC in a January 5 press release denied any role in the ongoing crisis.

On shaky ground: These two houses were identified as unsafe after they developed cracks. KRISHNAN V. V.

What about the Char Dham project?

The six-km Helang-Marwari bypass, being built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), is also under scrutiny for weakening slopes and further destabilising the local topography. The bypass is part of the 825-km Char Dham highway expansion project in Uttarakhand, which experts have already questioned for unscientific slope-cutting, which resulted in several landslides.

Mr. Juyal, the geologist, was a former member of the High Powered Committee that the Supreme Court appointed to review the project. He had recommended that the bypass be built only after a geotechnical feasibility study. He told *The Hindu* that the project was built despite warnings from a few committee members. Residents stated that the BRO was using drills and explosives to construct the bypass.

Yaspal Sundriyal, a geologist at the HNB Garhwal University who has studied land subsidence in Joshimath, said, "Heavy construction work for the road is weakening the foundations on which Joshimath stands. It could be detrimental to the town's existence."

On January 5, the Chamoli district administration temporarily halted work on the bypass and the NTPC dam in a desperate bid to slow the subsidence.

What are the other issues which have contributed to land subsidence?

The 2022 USDMA report also pointed to a lack of drainage and wastewater disposal systems as being part of the subsidence problem. According to Mr. Sati, about 85% of buildings in the town – including those owned by the Army – aren't connected to a sewerage system and have soak pits instead.

The 1976 Mishra committee report had warned that these pits could create "cavities between soil and boulders", as well as that inadequate drainage could lead to landslides. Garhwal University's Mr. Sundriyal has said that such cavities result in land subsidence as well.

Kavita Upadhyay is an independent journalist and researcher from Uttarakhand, and has been researching and writing on disasters in the region for a decade.

THE GIST

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Unions allege poor safety standards, and lack of stringent action against contractors after accidents

At least five workers were killed in such accidents, that involve lax safety norms at Namma Metro construction sites since 2019, and the total is at least over 25, after metro works began

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

Though the death of a mother and her son after an under-construction reinforcement collapsed on them is a relatively rare accident at a Namma Metro construction site affecting civilians, there have been numerous such incidents where workers have been killed.

At least five workers were killed in such accidents from 2019 alone and the total is at least over 25, since the metro works began, sources said.

However, multiple unions involved with those working for Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) allege that safety standards at Namma Metro construction sites are often lax and there has been no stringent enforcement of safety regulations.

"There is lax enforcement and despite several complaints and past mishaps, BMRCL officials are not being held accountable. The top brass of BMRCL needs to be booked to ensure there is a culture of safety inculcated at the construction sites," said Suryanarayana Murthy, Vice-President, Bangalore Metro Rail Employees' Union. He also alleged that there was widespread collusion between contractors and officials and corruption leading to unsafe construction practices.

A portion of the structure at the Namma Metro construction site near HBR Layout that collapsed resulting in the death of a mother and her toddler son on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU), which has intervened on behalf of contract labourers, mostly at the receiving end of accidents at Namma Metro construction sites, said there have been numerous accidents killing workers and little has changed.

"Since these labourers can be fired anytime, they fear raising concerns over safety fearing job loss. All these issues are interconnected," said Maitreyi Kirshnan from AICCTU. They have been calling for a safety audit of all Namma Metro construction sites at least from 2021, which hasn't been carried out yet. Moreover, BMRCL only imposes a penalty on contractors at whose work sites accidents occur, which unions now argue are not punitive enough. This comes amidst demands by the family of the deceased mother-son duo's family to cancel the contract of the stretch.

"The contractors get away with far too little after a mishap. We need to make it so costly for them, that they will ensure safety on the worksites," Mr. Murthy argued.

Anjum Parvez, MD, BMRCL, said the corporation was enforcing safety precautions strictly.

When quizzed on stringent penalties against contractors at whose worksites there are mishaps, Mr. Parvez said a action will be taken as per contractual agreement.

Metro accidents since 2019

- **May 2019:** 81-year-old man sustained severe injuries when Namma Metro barricades collapsed on autorickshaw he was travelling in near Silk Board
- **November 2019:** Contract worker, Kantha Senapathi from Odisha, killed and two injured when a beam fell on them in Electronics City
- **January 2020:** Narasimhamurthy,34, from Challakere, fell to death while working on a pillar on Kanakapura Road
- **February 2020:** Yeduru Yarayya, 56, from Andhra Pradesh, died in an accident during installation of an escalator at Pattanagere station
- **September 2020:** Dhananjay Kumar, 24, from Bihar, killed when a beam fell on him at a construction site in Jayanagar
- **April 2021:** Nagaraj, 65, killed after he stepped into the utility shaft and fell, mistaking it for a toilet at Yelachenahalli metro station
- **December 2021:** Maradeppa, 37, was crushed to death when a steel column collapsed on him at Kadugodi metro depot
- **January 2023:** Tejaswini, 30 and Vihan, 2.5, died after an under-construction metro structure fell on them near HBR Layout

'Inefficient support to reinforcement pillar caused the tilt and fall'

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

A day after the collapse of a metro reinforcement structure, an IISc engineer tasked with providing a report, visited the spot on and said inefficient support to the reinforcement pillar caused the accident.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, J.M. Chandra Kishen, department of civil engineering, IISc, said, "Prima facie, I feel the reason for this tilt and fall was inefficient support to the reinforcement pillar. I have taken pictures and measurements of the supporting cable they had used to conduct the study. Based on that, we will calculate and see if they are sufficient and if not, we will make a recommendation about what type of support they should provide in the future."

Prior to this accident, way back in 2009, a similar incident of the fall of a reinforcement cage had injured two metro workers. Social media users also said the same kind of tilt was seen in HSR Layout and Bellandur a few months ago, but no injuries had occurred.

"Those incidents could have served as a good lesson and this accident could have been avoided. I am not sure what action they took during the time," Mr. Kishen said. He also said that while the height of the pillar is not really a problem, lack of supporting systems is what usually causes such accidents.

"Depending on how long they will leave the reinforcement pillar before concretising it, they should anchor it properly instead of using temporary fixes. Without adequate support, even wind can create such havocs," he said.

Four-day Principals Conclave held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Education paves the way for the development of an individual's country and the world, said Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot.

Speaking after inaugurating the four-day Principals Conclave organised by the Association of Heads of Anglo Indian Schools in India - Karnataka to mark its centenary celebration at Sacred Heart Girls High School in the city recently, Mr. Gehlot pointed out that education is the only tool that gives right direction to the society.

He said that quality technical education not only creates trained youth but also creates opportunity.

Over 120 Heads of Anglo-Indian Schools participated.

Illegal slaughter house raided

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kudur police busted an illegal slaughter house being operated on the outskirts of the city and rescued as many as 36 cows and calves which were about to be slaughtered.

The police also found that around 70 cows and claves were already slaughtered and cut into pieces before being transported to the shops in and around the Ramanagara and Bengaluru, a police officer said.

Based on a tip-off, a team of officials led by PSI Harish rushed to aneucalyptus grove in Hullenahalli in Tippasandra hobli, Magadi taluk and found around 70 cattle and calves were butchered. Sensing trouble, three of the accused operating the slaughter house abandoned their scooters and fled the scene. The accused have been booked under various Sections of Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of cattle Act. Efforts are on to track down the accused based on the vehicles they have abandoned at the spot.

The police found around 36 cattle and calves with legs tied and about to be slaughtered, which were rescued and sent to Nelamangala rescue centre as there was no goshala facility in Ramanagara district, Rashmi Dsouza, member of the State animal welfare board, said .

The police have fed the cattle, which were under shock, and buried the meat and carcass seized at the spot after conducting mahazar.

Businessman arrested for carrying fake designation plate on car

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The Jayanagar traffic police on Monday arrested a 26-year-old businessman who was allegedly moving around in his SUV with a fake designation plate to throw his weight around.

The accused Zaffar Iqbal, a resident of HSR Layout, was caught along following direction from the city police commissioner. A team of police led by Srinivasamurthy B.G. from Jayanagar traffic police tracked down the accused through the car registration number and arrested him.

The accused was carrying a Human Rights logo along with the designation plate on the front and back side of the vehicle containing "International Human Rights and Crime Control, Govt. of India". Misusing the name of the government for his personal gain, the accused did not have any response on why he was carrying the logos, Srinivasmurthy, is his complaint to the HSR Layout police, said. The accused, along wit his car, has been handed over to the police who charged him under cheating, impersonation.

Jayadeva study shows booster dose immunity is sustaining even after 12 months of immunisation

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A study by Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research has shown adequate presence of neutralising antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in 99.4% of those who had taken the COVID-19 precaution dose a year ago. The study was done in the first week of this month.

The study included 350 staff of Jayadeva including doctors, nurses, technicians, ward helpers and other office staff aged between 19 years and 60 years. As many as 202 (58%) of the study participants were female staff. While all of them had taken two doses of Covishield vaccine and a third booster shot of the same vaccine in January 2022, 42% of the group had previously also been infected with COVID.

"Nearly 348 of the 350 staff studied had adequate presence of neutralising antibodies to SARS-CoV-2. Over 97% of the 348 have shown a high immune response. This indicates persistent antibody levels even at the end of 12 months after the booster dose," said institute director C.N. Manjunath.

Study to access immune status of 350 healthcare workers including doctors, nurses, technicians, ward helpers and other office staff was undertaken. All showed very good presence of neutralising antibodies by ELISA method. FILE PHOTO

"This study supports the fact that there is no need for a fourth dose of vaccine. It further emphasises that those who have not taken the booster dose should take it without any delay," Dr. Manjunath said.

Immunity dynamics

He said the study was done to understand the dynamics of immunity in the community. "In view of the threat of a fresh COVID surge with emerging new sub-lineages of Omicron – BF.7 and XBB – in some countries, it is imperative to assess preparedness in terms of healthcare resources, manpower and infrastructure and understand the dynamics of immunity in the community so that public health policies can be tailored to suit our population. Many healthcare workers and the public were repeatedly asking whether they should take the 2nd booster or the 4th dose of COVID vaccine," Dr. Manjunath said.

"In this background, we undertook the study to assess the immune status of 350 healthcare workers including doctors, nurses, technicians, ward helpers and other office staff, who had received the booster dose of Covishield vaccine in January 2022. All showed very good presence of neutralising antibodies by ELISA (Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay) method," the doctor explained.

A team of doctors from the department of Microbiology comprising Naveena J., Nandini M.P., Kavitha K. and Prapulla Kumari conducted the study.

In April 2021, the institute had studied a group of 250 healthcare workers two months after they had taken the second dose and had found a good antibody response in 77.7% of them.

Subsequently, in September 2021, the same group was studied to assess the need for a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The September study had found that 99% of the group, who received their second dose in February, 2021 showed positive antibody response even six months later.

"In our previous study, 19 (7.6%) of the healthcare workers, who were both COVID-19 infected and vaccinated, had shown the highest antibody responses," the doctor added.

Timings
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RISE 06:45	SET 18:10
RISE 22:35	SET 10:26
FRIDAY, JAN. 13	
RISE 06:45	SET 18:11
RISE 23:21	SET 11:01
SATURDAY, JAN. 14	
RISE 06:45	SET 18:12
RISE 00:00	SET 11:37

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Bengaluru	29	13

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28°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be comfortable. Night also will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C A dry weather to continue. Day will be comfortable and humid. Night will be cool with haze.

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CBI court sentences three businessmen to 3 years RI

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The CBI court on Wednesday convicted three businessmen in a red sanders smuggling case and sentenced them with three years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of ₹50,000.

The trio, identified as Syed Ibrahim, Arul Muniswamy and Jayaraj from Srirampura, were part of the international smuggling racket and attempted to smuggle 14 metric tonnes of red sanders concealed in granite stones to Malaysia and Singapore in 2016.

Based on a tip-off, a team of officials from Directorate of Revenue Intelligence raided one of their godowns in Singanayakanahalli on the outskirts of the city, where the accused concealed the red sanders logs under granite containers to be shipped to the Chennai shipyard.

Red sanders smuggling

The accused have floated two companies in the name of Raj traders and Jayem Impect and forged the shipping bills to facilitate the shipping of containers, officials said.

The case was later handed over to the CBI for a detailed investigations.

Detailed probe

The CBI submitted a final report in 2017. Senior Special Public prosecutor Shivananda Perla presented the case and the judge, Ravindrakumar Kattimani, considering the report and the evidence presented before the court, convicted the trio and sentenced them with three years of RI and fine of ₹50,000.

Illegal pet shops raided; animals and birds rescued

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a major drive jointly led by Animal Husbandry Department, members of Animal Welfare Board, police, and BBMP officials conducted raids on pet shops across the city and rescued over 1,300 exotic birds and animals which were being treated inhumanly.

Salma K. Fahim, Secretary of the Animal Husbandry Department said that the raids across the city is also to create an awareness drive as majority of the pet shops are not following the rules and many of them are not registered. A message needs to be conveyed to the illegal pet drive which is going on unabated and hence, a joint raids have been carried out on Wednesday, she said.

As many 15 shops across the city including shops in Russel market in Shivajinagar, Jayanagar, Banashankari , Hanumanth Nagar and others parts of the city have been raided. Exotic birds, and animals including, dogs, cats, hamsters, ducks, rabbits and other animals which were being subjected to cruelty and treated inhumanly have been rescued and handed over to NGOs and Bannerghatta Rehab and rescue centre. Around nine FIRs have been filed against the pet shop owners charging them under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

The breeders have also been asked to register with the board or face legal consequences, Ms. Fahim said.

Initial probe revealed that many shops have sourced the exotic birds and animals from outside the country and not paying taxes. There are many loopholes in the system and needs to be plugged, a senior officer part of the raid, she said.

The department is planning to continue the special drive to create awareness and bring all the pet shops and breeders under regulations to ensure they follow the rules laid down.

As many as 15 shops across Bengaluru, including those in Shivajinagar, Banashankari, and Jayanagar were raided. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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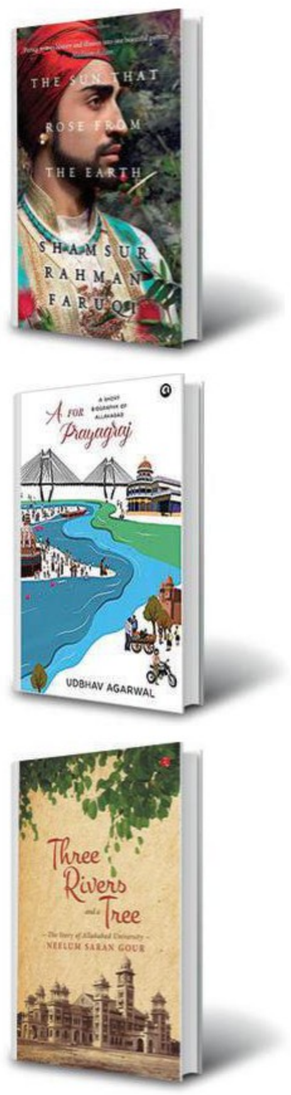


Ilah Bas, Allahabad and Prayagraj: a city with many names and many stories

Few places in India have given as many luminous stars to the world of literature as has Allahabad or Prayagraj. The city's literary atmosphere has had a profound impact on a number of contemporary authors

Ziya Us Salam

In a not-so-delicious irony of life, the land of Harivanshrai Bachchan, Shamsur Rehman Faruqi, Ibn-e-Safi and Akbar Allahabadi is popular among the common public for its surkh amrood (pink guavas)! Many a childhood is dotted with memories of a sibling quarrel for a slice of Ilahabadi amrood!

Ilahabad, did one say? Yes, the city was Ilahabad or Ilah-bas until the British came and changed it all to Allahabad. Interestingly, for years the two names coexisted peacefully. People wrote Allahabad in English, and pronounced it as Ilahabad in Hindi or Urdu. Even the railway signage stuck to the then Allahabad junction was Allahabad in English and Ilahabad in Hindi.

The stories behind the name(s)

There is an interesting tale behind the names. Jalaluddin Akbar, arguably the greatest Mughal emperor, and inarguably the most liberal, built a fort here and named it Ilahbas Quila. Why? He was informed that the place had great religious sanctitiy for Hindus. Millions of Hindus had profound regard for the sacred site of Sangam and it was a widespread belief that the soul of anybody who died here would mingle with the spirit of the Almighty. Keeping in mind these sentiments of the people, Akbar called the place Ilah Bas or the Abode of God. It was distinct from the timeless name of 'Prayag' used by pilgrims for thousands of years.

The British started spelling and pronouncing Ilah Bas as Allahabad or the City of Allah, much like Faizabad or Ghaziabad. There is, however, another twist to its genealogy. Noted medieval historian Ali Nadeem Rezavi has often drawn media's attention to the legend according to which Ila is possibly derived from Ila, the mother of the Pururavas, the progenitor of the Aila tribe. And Vas stands for Abode. In other words, Ila Vas or Ilah Bas were the same. From that stemmed Allahabad.

Yet another name

Allahabad, however, was consigned to the pages of history in 2018 by the Uttar Pradesh government's decision to rename it as Prayagraj, the site of the Kumbh Mela whose first documented account was provided by the Chinese traveller Hieun Tsang in the seventh century. Noted photographer-filmmaker Sanjeev Mehta had earlier come up with a coffee- table book, *Kumbh Mela*, where he brought to fore the spiritual as well as the organisational side of the biggest human gathering on earth.

The move to change the name stemmed from poor knowledge of history. What Akbar founded was Ilah Bas or Ila Vas. He did not change the name of Prayag. In 16th century too when Akbar ruled, it was Prayag. The city that came up alongside was called the Abode of God out of regard for the sentiments of the majority community. The recent change of the name had unexpected consequences. For a brief period, on the website of the Uttar Pradesh Higher Education Service Commission, the name of the popular Urdu poet Akbar Allahabadi was changed to Akbar Prayagraji!

Literary prowess

As for Allahabad or Prayagraj, few places in India have given as many luminous stars to the world of literature. One instantly recalls illustrious Urdu writer-translator Shamsur Rehman Faruqi who penned the epic novel, *Kai Chand Thhe Sar-e-Aasman* (translated into English as *The Mirror of Beauty*). A couple of years ago, when he was struck with COVID-19, (and seemed to be losing the battle) he longed to be in his good old Allahabad, in the warmth of his house with its birds and butterflies, plants and flowers. He was granted his wish. Half an hour after being air lifted to Allahabad, he passed away peacefully, leaving behind a rich diwan, including *The Sun That Rose from the Earth*.

Then we had Harivansh Rai Bachchan who was born in Patti village near Allahabad. He attained fame with *Madhushala* inspired from Omar Khayyam's rubai.

Of course, his works have often been recited by his famous son, Amitabh Bachchan at literary soirees and other gatherings where he never tires of giving credit to his father for his upbringing in a literary atmosphere.

Talking of the city's literary atmosphere, it has had an impact on a number of contemporary authors, among them being the prolific Neelum Saran Gour. She may have travelled a thousand miles but Allahabad runs through her veins. An academic by profession, Gour has authored important books which have Allahabad as an important element, notably *Three Rivers and a Tree*, *Allahabad Where the Rivers Meet*, *Sikander Chowk Park* and *Invisible Ink*. Some seven years ago, she authored a short story collection directly named after the city. Called *Allahabad Aria*, it is a collection of short stories which express the tumult of the place and the vicissitudes of human relationships.

Then we have an intriguingly named short biography of Allahabad called *A for Prayagraj* by young Udbhav Agarwal.

In the prologue, Agarwal writes somewhat wistfully, "Before the city had a name, before it was even a city, it was the place where the rivers met. Lord Brahma had performed dus yagya or ten offerings to the fire, by the rivers here. When the Ocean of Milk was churned, the divine healer Dhanvantari surfaced with a kumbh filled with the nectar of life....Allahabad is one of the oldest living cities in the world. Since 1000 BE, for millenia, someone has had a reason to live here...Kings and queens bypassed it for centuries. The Pururava broke the ground in the north, the Delhi Sultanate in the northwest. The Mauryas and the Guptas stayed 60 kilometres away. It was the Mughal ruler Akbar who settled here in the sixteenth century. He built the fort, the markets, the port and the garden....The locals spun him a revealing origin: Akbar, the Hindu hermit reborn as the 'Mussalman king'."

And the fable of Allahabad, oops Prayagraj, lives on.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

As *RRR* wins Best Original Song at the 80th Golden Globe Awards, here is a quiz on much acclaimed movie accolades

Venkataraghavan Srinivasan

QUESTION 1
Who was the first Indian to win the Golden Globe Awards? For which movie?

QUESTION 2
Name the Indian film which has won an Oscar.

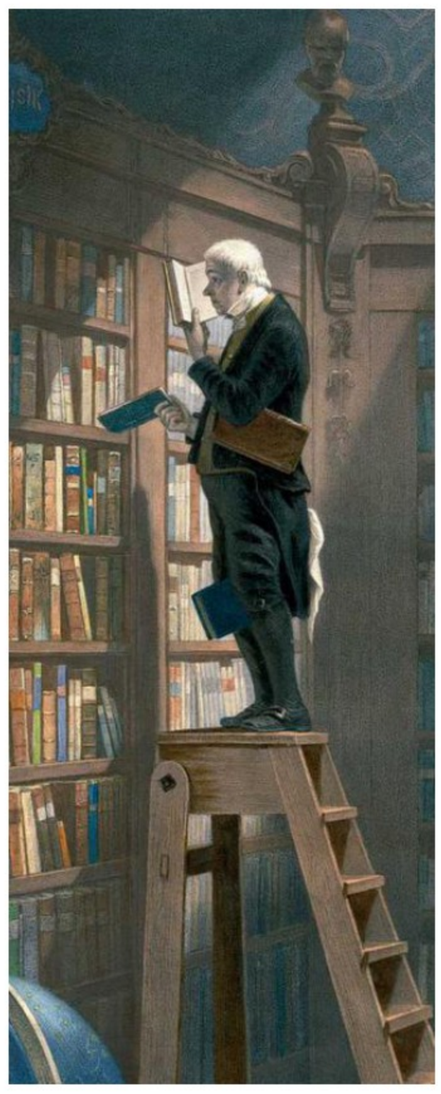
QUESTION 3
Complete the list and explain the common link between all of them. Bhanu Athaiya, A. R. Rahman, Gulzaar, Resul Pookutty and _____?

QUESTION 4
Which non-profit organisation is behind the Golden Globe awards?

QUESTION 5
Which documentary shot in India won the Best Documentary (Short Subject) in 2009?

Visual question:
Identify this Thoothukudi born Oscar winner?

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. These two brothers invented a hot air balloon which launched the first confirmed piloted ascent by humans in 1783. They also invented a process to manufacture transparent paper looking like vellum, and one of the brothers invented the first self-acting hydraulic ram. **Ans: Joseph-Michel Montgolfier, Jacques-Étienne Montgolfier**
2. This spacecraft was the first balloon flight to another planet. **Ans: The Vega 1 Balloon which travelled to Venus**
3. These brothers were behind the first sustained flight by an aeroplane in 1903. **Ans: The Wright Brothers (Orville Wright and Wilbur Wright) who built the Wright Flyer**
4. This man received the first official pilot's licence. **Ans: Louis Blériot**
5. This aviator became the first woman in the U.S. to receive a pilot certificate. **Ans: Harriet Quimby**
6. The name of the award-winning documentary on Jessica Cox. **Ans: Right Footed; she is an armless pilot who earned her pilot's licence using her legs**
7. Identify this helicopter. **Ans: Ingenuity; It became the first powered, controlled takeoff to land on a celestial body**
Early Birds: Sandeep Thapliyal| Ravindra Kumar Sahu| Varghese Joseph| Tania Neogi| Shridhar. K



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Mr. G. Manmohan Reddy of Hyderabad wants to know the difference between 'on behalf of' and 'in behalf of.'"

"In British English 'on behalf of' is used and in American English 'in behalf of' is also used besides 'on behalf of'. 'On behalf of' means 'as a representative or agent of'.

On behalf of the Association, I should like to propose a vote of thanks.

On behalf of the shareholders, I should like to make a few suggestions for the improvement of the company.

As the President is ill, I am speaking on his behalf.

'In behalf of' is used in the sense of 'in the interest of, for the the benefit of'. When you act in behalf of a person, you are acting for his benefit.

In behalf of my client, I urge you to reconsider your decision.

Please speak in my behalf."

"Mr. E. N. Purushothaman of Hyderabad is unhappy at the caption 'Gujarati writer bags Jnana Peeth Award'. He feels that the word 'bag' in this context sounds cheap and even disrespectful, both to the award and to the recipient."

"The word 'bag' is extensively used these days to mean 'win'. Some are not happy about this as it also means 'to steal'. But perhaps very few are aware that it has this meaning also. Anyway, 'bag' in the sense of 'win' has come to stay."

"Several readers would like to know the meaning and pronunciation of 'volte-face'."

" 'Volte-face' is from Latin *volt*, to turn face. 'Volte-face' means 'change of front, change to a completely opposite opinion or course of action'. It is used only figuratively. When a person changes his opinion or course of action, you say that he has done a volte-face.

People were surprised at the volte-face of the minister's economic policy.

The 'o' in 'Volte' is pronounced like the 'o' in 'pot' and the final 'e' is silent. The 'a' in 'face' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'pass' and the final 'e' in the word is silent. The 'c' is pronounced like the 's' in 'same'."

Word of the day

Gripe:
informal terms for objecting; complain (used as both a noun and a verb)

Synonyms: kick, beef, squawk, grouse, holler

Usage: *All of my colleagues were griping about the new rules.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/gripepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /grʌɪp/

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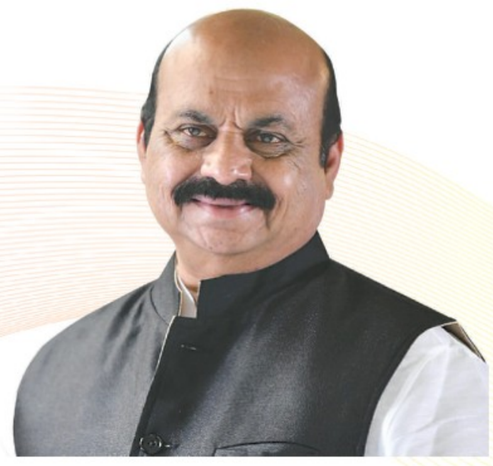

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No. VIMS/SUP/TEND/GAS/02/2022-23 DATE:11.01.2023

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from the eligible Bidders for **Refilling of Nitrous Oxide Gas and Medical Oxygen Cylinders** to Medical College Hospital, VIMS, Ballari on Rate Contract for a period of **One year** under Two bid system through e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** of Government of Karnataka as per the KTPP Act-1999-2000. The interested Bidders are request to submit Tender in above said e-portal on are before **27.01.2023 @5.00PM**. The total approximate cost of tender is **Rs.72.25 Lakhs**. Further details may be obtained in the above said website and **www.vims.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Director, VIMS, Bellary.

DIPR/Ballari/799/MCA/2022-23

BANNERGHATTA BIOLOGICAL PARK

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BANNERGHATTA BIOLOGICAL PARK, BENGALURU - 83.

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No: A3/BBP/e-Tender/Feed-Chicken/CR-6/2022-23 Date: 07-01-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Public are hereby informed that Tender are invited through e-Procurement Portal by the interested suppliers for **Supply of Chicken for Captive Wild Animals at Bannerghatta Biological Park** for one year from the date of agreement.

Unit No.	Particulars	Approximate cost of the commodities put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD to be furnished (Rs. in Lakhs)
6	**Supply of Chicken**	**50.00**	**1.25**

Detailed tender documents may be downloaded from the Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Tenders may be submitted along with EMD and tender fees electronically in e-Proc **upto 16.00 Hrs. on or before 25-01-2023.** Tender will be Opened **on 28-01-2023 at 11.30 Hrs.**

Sd/- Executive Director

DIPR/CP/4038/Adverto/2022-23

(Government of Karnataka)

RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT HASSAN DIVISION HASSAN

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One & TWO COVER SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 20/2022-23 DATED : 10-01-2023

On Behalf Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Hassan Division Hassan. Has Invited the Tender for the works of Hassan Taluk Approved under 2022-23 JJM Mention Below, Single Cover System works Sakaleshapura Taluk 44 Works- (Gen -34 SC-07 & ST-03) Two Cover System works Hassan Taluk 08 Works & Sakaleshapur Taluk 06 (General) Above work tenders are invited in One & Two cover system in e-procurement portal. The tender details are available in www.e-procurement.karnataka.gov.in From 10-01-2023 After 5.30P.M . The bidder should submitted the tender with in the dated: 18-01-2023 before 4-00 P.M. On Dated :12-01-2023 The Pre-bid Meeting will be conducted in this office, Interested Contractor may participated. Venue : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Zilla Panchyath Building, N.R,Circle Hassan. The Technical bid will open on dated : 19-01-2023 after 5.00 P.M. The Financial bid of the Technically qualified bidder will be open on dated: 21-01-2023 after 11.00A.M. The Executive Engineer has reserved the rights of to cancel all tender or any one tender without giving any reason.

Sd/- Executive Engineer Rural drinking water and sanitation Dept, Hassan division, Hassan.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/946/2022-23

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2023-24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಕ್ರಿಯಾಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ ಚನ್ನಗಿರಿಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-(3) & ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-(4) ಅನ್ವಯ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಅಥವಾ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಮಾಅಯೋ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಚನ್ನಗಿರಿ ಇವರಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/-(ಎಸ್. ಸೋಮಶೇಖರ್) ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ., ಚನ್ನಗಿರಿ.

ಸಹಿ/- (ಪಟ್ಟರಾಜಗೌಡ) ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ., ಚನ್ನಗಿರಿ.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/800/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: 908/BGK/SEE/EE(O)/AEE-2/Tr.(W&M)/F-53/6338-50 Date: 10.01.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids for the follwing works:

(1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/BGK/22-23/SECURITY(3)_Zonal for Providing 3 No's Security Guards to Zonal Office, Complex, Navanagar-Bagalakote. **(2) Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/SEE/BGK/22-23/SECURITY(2)_STORE_BG for Providing 2 No's Security Guards to MWD Stores coming under Transmission W&M Circle, KPTCL Bagalakote. **(3) Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/SEE/BGK/22-23/SECURITY(3)_220KV_BG for Providing 3 No's Security Guards to 220kV Receiving Sub-station, Bagalakote, coming under Transmission W&M Circle, KPTCL Bagalakote. **(4) Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/SEE /BGK/22-23/SECURITY(3)_110KV_KL for Providing 3 No's Security Guards to 110kV Sub-station, Kaladagi coming under Transmission W&M Circle, KPTCL Bagalakote. **(5) Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/SEE /BGK/22-23/SECURITY(3)_220KV_ML for Providing 3 No's Security Guards to 220kV Receiving Sub-station, Mahalingapura coming under Transmission W&M Circle, KPTCL Bagalakote. **(6) Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/SEE /BGK/22-23/SECURITY(3)_220KV_VJ for Providing 3 No's Security Guards to 220kV Receiving Sub-station, Vajramatti coming under Transmission W&M Circle, KPTCL Bagalakote. **(7) Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/SEE /BGK/22-23/SECURITY(3)_ 220KV_VP for Providing 3 No's Security Guards to 220kV Receiving Sub-station, Vijayapur coming under Transmission W&M Circle, KPTCL Bagalakote. **(8) Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/SEE /BGK/22-23/SECURITY(3)_220KV_BB for Providing 3 No's Security Guards to 220kV Receiving Sub-station, Basavan Bagewadi coming under Transmission W&M Circle, KPTCL Bagalakote. **(9) Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/SEE /BGK/22-23/SECURITY(3)_220KV_IN for Providing 3 No's Security Guards to 220kV Receiving Sub-station, Indi coming under Transmission W&M Circle, KPTCL Bagalakote. **(10) Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/SEE/BGK/22-23/SECURITY(3)_220KV_SN for Providing 3 No's Security Guards to 220kV Receiving Sub-station, Aheri (Sindagi) coming under Transmission W&M Circle, KPTCL Bagalakote.

The detailed notification regarding the above works can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-procurement–KPTCL"** or to **https//eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 12.00 noon on 13.01.2023** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.), Tr.(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Opp. Sector No.45, Zonal Office Complex, Navanagara, Bagalakote-587103. Ph: 08354-236032 & 236029

UNIVERSITY OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES, BAGALKOT

Office of the Registrar, Udyanagiri, Navanagar, Bagalkot – 587104

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No. R/UHSB/Rectt/Advt.13/1167/2022-23 Date:06.01.2023

NOTIFICATION

The applications are invited from the eligible candidates in the prescribed proforma for filling up of the "Assistant Medical Officer posts" in the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot. For further details, the applicants are informed to Log on to the University website for more details: https://uhsbagalkot.karnataka.gov.in

The last date for receipt of the filled in applications is 04.02.2023 at 01.00 p.m.

Sd-(DR. T. B. ALLOLLI) REGISTRAR

DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-771/MCA/2021-22

RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY OF KNOWLEDGE TECHNOLOGIES

(Established through Act No.18 of 2008) ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA

Ref.No:RGUKT-AP/E-Proc/SA & Catering tenders/ET27-ET30/2023, Dt.12.01.2023

E-PROCUREMENT-TENDER NOTICE

Online tenders are hereby invited from original manufacturers (OEM)/ authorized representatives of a OEM/wholesale dealers for supply of the student amenities to the students of RGUKT for its four campuses and Online Tenders are invited from reputed registered agencies / contractors for providing Catering Services including Maintenance of Kitchen and Dining Halls for the messes of RGUKT four campuses.

Tender-1 (Laptops), Tender-2 (Formal and Sports Shoes and Socks), Tender-3 (Bed sheet with Pillow cover and Blanket) and Tender-4 (Catering Services).

Interested bidders can download and submit bids online from **12.01.2023, 11:00 AM** through **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** (AP Portal).

For further details please visit the University website: **www.rgukt.in**.

DIPR 1485PP/CL, Dt.11.01.2023 **Sd/- Chief Administrative Officer (FAC), RGUKT-AP**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients are negotiating for the purchase of dry land bearing survey number 99/2 measuring 0-09.08 guntas, situated at Amanidoddakere Village, Kasaba Hobli, HosakoteTaluk which is more fully described in the Schedule below and hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Property", belonging to Mr.S.N.Prashanth s/o Nanjundaiah and Mrs.Ashwini W/o S.N.Prashanth, residing at 'Sri Maruthi Nilaya, 1st Main, Lawyer Shivanna House, Maruthi Nagara, Srinivasapura Town-563135 .

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the Schedule Property or the documents thereof or against the Owners or objecting to such sale in favour of our clients, should write to the undersigned within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regards to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period our clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land bearing survey number 99/2 measuring 0-09.08 guntas, situated at Amanidoddakere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the East by : Grand Edifice Apartment; West by: Kaluve, North by: Land in survey number 99/1 and South by: Land in Sy.No.101/1.

Sd/- **M.L. SRINIVASA**, Advocate, No.45, 6th main, 3rd phase, J.P.Nagar, Bangalore-78. Ph no:9449519737

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, my client UMESH NAIK R proposed to purchase the below mentioned property from V NAGARAJ. Any person(s),Banks, Financial institution etc having objections for the proposed purchase or having any right/title/ interest or any claim on the schedule property may lodge their objections and/ or claim if any to the undersigned along with the supporting documents within one week from the date of this publication hereof, failing which the objections and/ or claim of such person(s) will deemed to have been waived and/ or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing BBMP Khatha No. 4060/72/73 44/1 (western portion), PID No. 72 & 73/44/1, adjacent to site Nos. 43 and 44, (Total measuring 1890 square feet) survey/ Assessment No.72 and 73, present Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara palike Jnanabharathi Ward No. 129 formed in total extent measuring East to West 200 feet and North to South 175 feet, situated at Mallathahalli village, Yeshwantapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 47-0 feet and North to South towards East side 27-0 feet and towards West side 26-0 feet in all measuring 1245.5 square feet and bounded on the

East: Remaining portion of the same site no 44/1, West: 30 feet Road, North: 20 feet Road, South: Site Nos. 44 and 43

Sd/- **Mamatha N.K**, Advocate, No.5, 1st Floor, Roopa Complex, Chamarajpet, B.lore-18, M: 9945314286, Umesh Naik R: 9844095459

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, (Old Name) Rathi, Spouse of No JC-169506Y Ex-Sub Maj Krishna Kumar.K.K, Residing at #38, Theertham, Annapoorneswari Layout, Guniagrahara, Shivakote Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka, Pin-560089 have changed my name to (New Name) Rathi P Gopal vide affidavit dated 09.01.2023 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N, Bangalore.

I, Roushan Kumar R/o A-902, Uber Verdant Phase 2, Doddakannelli Village, Sarjapur Main Rd, Varthur, Hobli, Bengaluru 560035 have changed my minor son's name from Atharv Sinha to Anav Sinha for all purposes.

I, (Old Name) Amritha.K, Daughter of No.JC-169506Y, Ex-Sub Maj Krishna Kumar.K.K, Residing at #38, Theertham, Annapoorneswari Layout, Guniagrahara, Shivakote Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka, Pin-560089 have changed my name to (New Name) Amrutha Krishnan vide affidavit dated 09.01.2023 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N, Bangalore.

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My client has purchased vacant site property and registered in the office of the Joint Sub-Registrar-1, Nellore, District Registrar, Sripti, Sriramalu, Nellore District, Andhrapradesh State, as mentioned in schedule property.

My client has shifting the house from Ananthapura village, Bangalore city to Sanjayanagar, Bangalore at that time she has lost the original Sale Deed dated: 05.08.1996, vide registered as Document No. 5876/1996, Volume No 1848, pages 457 to 460, Book-1, in office of the Nellore Registrar, purchased by vender's vender from Ganta Baburao, the said original sale deed has lost. She has lodged a complaint before the Yelahanka New Town police, the police have registered document lost case) Herewith informed to the public if the said document is available be pleased to inform the same to my client me or Yelahanka Newtown police. The further informed to the public at large not to deal/transact with the said property if any marer, any person's deals/transaction the said property, the same will not bind my client in any manner.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Nellore Registration District, Nellore Sub-District within the Nellore Corporation Limits, Nellore-Bit-II Area-Panta No.71, Survey No. 1319 to an extent of Ac.2-57 cents in this south side an Ac1-281/2% cents in this an Ac.0-43 cents land converted to House site plots-Layout-plan-Plot No.02 to an extent 45 Ankanams 08 Sqft, or 302.064 Sq.Meters vacant site bounded by on

East: 30 ft wide layout road, admeasuring 40-00" ft

South: Plot No.3 admeasuring 74:06"ft

West: Site of Pulumi Krishna Reddy admeasuring 43'00"ft

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Within these boundaries as per present measurements 45 Ankanama 08 Sq.ft or 302.064 Sq mtrs vacant site and all easementary rights relating thereto. Finder please contact

Finder please contact

RV Shivananda Reddy, Advocate No 11, G-7, Ground Floor, V.M.C Comples, 10 Cross, Cibbonpet Bengaluru-2 Cell: 9663124225/9060878556

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXIX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-40)

O.S. NO. 6462/2021

Between :

M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race- Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its Authorised representative.

Mr. Rohith Ali M. **...Plaintiff**

And :

Mr. Jude Terrance Fernandez **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :

Mr Jude Terrance Fernandez, S/o.Terrance Fernandez, Aged about 26 Years, R/at No. 282, Third Floor, 2nd Block, 2nd Phase, BTM 6th Stage, Near Sai Baba Temple, Bengaluru- 560 076.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 3,83,986/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XXXIX Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-40), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 21/02/2023 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the15th day of December, 2022 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court Bengaluru,

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates, No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru- 01.

Govt of Karnataka

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No: EE/PWD/KD/TS-2/Tender Notification/2022-23/7746 Date: 10-01-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work : Executive Engineer PWD Division Invites tender for the (04) Works under KKRDB for indent No 162747, 162357, 163349, 163174, 2) Estimate cost: **Min Rs 500.00 Lakhs Max Rs. 800.00 Lakhs,** 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class II, I. & above, 4 EMD AMOUNT : Min Rs. 635000.00 Max Rs.1017000.00, 5) Pre bid Meeting: **23.01.2023 (11.00 Hrs)**, 6) Last date for queries: **24.01.2023 (17.30 Hrs),** 7) Last date for Submission of bid: **25.01.2023 (16.00 Hrs)**, 8) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : **27.01.2023 (16.30 Hrs)**, 9) Date of opening of Financial Bid: **31.01.2023 (11.30 Hrs)**, 10) Enquiries: Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 11) Note: GST Will be Paid Separately, 12) Website: www.e-proc.Karnatak.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/1096/MC&A/2022-23

Government of Karnataka

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT DIVISION KALABURGI

No:EE/RDP/DK/TS/Tender/ PMGSY /2022-23/906 Date: 10-01-2023

SHORT TIME E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Two Cover System

1) Name Of Work: Construction of long span Bridge At Ch:- 3.90KM in SH-10 to MDR via Tottanalli in Sedam Taluka Kalaburagi District under PMGSY 2020-21 INDENT No: KRRDA/2022-23/BG/WORK_INDENT5551, 2) Head Of Account: PMGSY 2020-21, 3) Amount Put to Tender: Rs. 109221162.64, 4) Class of Contractor: Class-I and Above, 5) Submission of tender form & Completion last date of tender: **11-01-2023 to 19-01-2023 Evening Up to 4:30 PM**, 6) Cost of tender form & EMD Amount: Cost of Tender form & EMD Mentioned in e-Proc, 7) Last of Submission of tender: **19-01-2023 Evening Up to 4:30 PM**, 8) Opening date of Technical Bid: **21-01-2023 Morning Up to 11.00 AM**, 9) Opening date of Financial Bid : **31-01-2023 Morning Up to 11.00 AM**, 10) Address required for additional information: Office of Executive Engineer Rural development Panchayat Raj Engineering Project Division in front of Dr. B.R Ambedkar Hostel Rajapur road Kalaburgi. 11) E-mail Address: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in,** 12) Office E-mail Address : kn-gul-1@pmgsy.nic.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer RD PRE Project Division Kalaburgi

DIP/Kalaburagi/1091/MC&A/2022-23

Government of Karnataka

(Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

No: EE/RWSS/Dvn/SMG/JE/JJM/E-Proc/2022-23/2143 Date : 06.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka and as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000, tenders are invited to undertake the following works under Jal Jeevan Mission in the limits of Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga. **Indent Nos:(1) 51439 (2) 51877 (3) 51879 (4) 51880 (5) 51881 (6) 51882 (7) 51884 (8) 51885 (9) 51886 (10) 52875 (11) 52877 (12) 52879 (13) 52882 (14) 52885 (15) 52889 (16) 52890 (17) 52891 (18) 52892 (19) 52893 (20) 52894 (21) 52895 (22) 52896 (23) 52897 (24) 53192 (25) 53198 (26) 46394 CALL-2 (27) 43854 CALL-2 (28) 41418 CALL-2 (29) 41409 CALL-2 (30) 41365 CALL-2 (31) 41401 CALL-2 (32) 42691 CALL-2.** Tender details, conditions and corrigendum or changes are available in website https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Eligible bidders shall submit their bid and documents through above e-portal only. **Few conditions of the tender :** (1) The last date for receipt of tenders from contractors : **13.01.2023 at 5.30 P M.** (2) Date of Opening of Single Cover Financial bid : **15.01.2023 at 11.30 A M** (3) Date of opening of Double Cover Technical bid : **15.01.2023 at 11.30 A M.** (4) Date of opening of Double Cover Financial bid : **17.01.2023 at 11.30 A M.** (5) Specified time period for completion of works : **Double cover : 6 months (180 days) Single cover : 3 months (90 days)**

sd/- Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/SMG/No.71-01 zenkar/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my clients intend to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from its present owners , who are all the children of late Lt. Cdr. Percy Cyril Lobo and late Sylvia Rose Philomena Lobo **(1) MRS. MIRIAM THERESE PINTO (2) MRS. GLORIA JEANNE MICHAEL (3) MRS. ANITA MAGDALENE BAPTIST (4) MRS. MARGARET SURAYA PONDA (5) MR. JOSEPH ROY LOBO (6) MR. PETER PHILIP LOBO (7) MR. AUGUSTINE DAVID LOBO (8) MRS. CHRISTINE MONICA GUIDO,** residing in USA and Australia, they having acquired title to the same in terms of the Will dated 23.03.2006 of their mother, Mrs. Sylvia Rose Philomena Lobo.

All persons/firms/companies/banks/ financial institutions/state or central government, having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by way of inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property herein below described, are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned, at the below given address, along with all the documents relating to such claim within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any such claim, of any party, shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained hereafter and I shall opine that the Schedule Property is free of any claims and my clients will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment **No. 001** (Property ID No.86-29-21) on the **Ground Floor** of the building known as **"MARIA SELVA",** measuring **919** Square feet of super built up area along with **417** Square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land and rights in common areas, amenities along with one car parking space **No. 10** in the Basement of the said building constructed on Municipal No. 21, Davis Road, Richards Town, Bengaluru – 560 005 and the building is bounded as follows:

East by : Earlier Mr. Legge's Bungalow
West by : Davis Road
North by : No.22/A
South by: Peazold Road

Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038

Place: Bengaluru Date: 11.01.2023

Government of Karnataka

Office of The Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Haveri

Email : eeprednhvr@gmail.com Tel. No: 08375-232454

No.EE/PREDn/HVR/PB-2/Tender/2022-23/Dated:10-01-2023

E-Procurement Short time Tender Notification No.49/2022-23

The Panchayath Raj Engineering Department through Executive Engineer Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Haveri on behalf of Governor of Karnataka invites the E-Portal Tender as per **KW-3** from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with P.W.D registered for e-Procurement for each of the following works **Gram Vikas** head of account work as follows. Details can also be obtained in www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

(1) Development works under Gram Vikas @ Tadas Village in Shiggaon Taluk **(INDENT98680)**

(1) Last date for uploading completed tender form And documents e-procurement documents through online : **18-01-2023** upto 4.00 PM (2) Date of Technical bid opening (if possible) : **19-01-2023** @ 5.00 PM (3) Date of Financial bid Opening (if possible) : **24-01-2023** @ 11.00 AM

More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through our website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in by clicking List of Tenders which will link to all Dept. works list.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Haveri

DIPR/HVR/MCA/475/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/Tr(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-1/T-64/22-23/6992-98 Date: 11.01.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Tender for the following works:

1) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr.(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/PTK/Additional 10 MVA PTR @ 110 KV Bennur S/S Dt. 28.08.2022_Call-3 for the Work of **Providing additional 1x10 MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer at 110/11 kV Bennur** sub-station in Karatagi Taluk, Koppal District.

2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr.(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/PTK/Additional 10 MVA PTR @110 KV Yaradona S/S Dt. 28.08.2022_Call-3 for the Work of Providing additional 1x10 MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer at 110/11kV Yeradona sub-station in Karatagi Taluk, Koppal District.

For the above works Including supply of equipment's / materials, erection (including civil works), testing & commissioning on PTK basis (major material Power Transformer and 11 KV Switchgears will be supplied by KPTCL).

Tenders will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in/** on hyperlink "eProcurement-KPTCL" or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **13.01.2023 at 11:00 Hrs**. Other etails can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele.), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad – 583 233. Ph: 08539-270094.**

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No. BLG/CEE/BZ/Civil/F-15/22-23/ CYS-295 Date :10-01-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Portal only)

The Chief Engineer(Electy) Belagavi Zone, HESCOM Belagavi invites tenders for the work of "Improvements to roofs at CSD-I & II premises Belagavi." coming under Belagavi Zone.

The tender will be received through "e-Procurement Portal" only. The detail notification regarding subject enquiry in the e-Procurement Portal can be obtained by logging on towww.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 13-01-2023 16:00Hrs onwards. Further details can be obtained fom this office contact No. 0831-2478166 during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy) Belagavi Zone, HESCOM, Belagavi

DIPR/DWD/963/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that my client has intended to purchase and entered an agreement of sale/absolute sale deed with **Mr. Chakrapani Bhat.M S/o Ganapathi Bhat** to purchase the schedule property. If any person/s, financial institution etc., having any claims/objection for the sale of schedule property in favour of my client may lodge their claims/objection with documentary evidence within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the transaction and no claims thereafter will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property BDA Site **683 New Municipal No. 61, PID No. 60-74-61,(683/61)** situated at 30th CrossRoad,**Thilaknagar, 4th Block Jayanagar Extn. Bengaluru,** BBMP **Ward NO. 60 New Ward No.170,** Layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority. Measuring **East to West : 27 ft , North to South 30ft, in Total 810 sq ft,** along with house bounded on **East by - Road, West by : Site House No. 682, North by - Road, South by - Site House No. 712**

H. A. AMARNATH , Advocate
#272, 2nd Block Rt Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032.
Mobile NO: 78998 65859 | 98450 77398| 98865 85809

Government of Karnataka

TOWN PANCHAYAT COUNCIL SHIRAHATTI 582120

PH:08487-295009 Email: itstaff_ulb_shirahatti@yahoo.in

No:TPC/Eng.Sec/15TH FIN/Tender-01/2022-23 Date:10-01-2023

E-PROCUREMENT NOTIFICATION

The Town Panchayat Council Shirahatti of Gadag District Karnataka ,Invites tenders from eligible tenderers as per Rule 28 of the KTPP act,for the following work taken up under "Implementation of 2020-21 & 2022-23 15th Finance Grant,2022-23 SFC Drinking Water Grant,2022-23 SFC 24.10% Grant works Indent No: **143748(SC), 143749, 143750, 143751, 143752, 143753, 143754(SC), 143755(SC), 143756, 143757(ST), 144340, 144624,** Total Amount of works **114.55** Lakhs"

The bid document is available online bidders can view and download the bid document from https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eprocurement /common/eproc_tenders_list.seam

(1) The Last Date and Time for Receipt of bids **25-01-2023** Time 04:00 PM (2) The Tender Opening date **27-01-2023** Time 04:30 PM

Sd/- Sri Siddaray Kattimani Chief Officer Town Pnchayat Council Shirahatti

Sd/- Smt Gangamma T Alur President Town Pnchayat Council Shirahatti

DIPR/Gadag/MCA/570/2022-23

INBRIEF

Services of 300 graveyard workers to be regularised

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and his Cabinet colleagues had breakfast with graveyard employees in Bengaluru on Wednesday, an initiative to reach out to workers who face stigma. About 150 employees had breakfast at the Chief Minister's residence on the Race Course Road. A decision will be taken to regularise the services of 300 workers of graveyards, working in different districts, the Chief Minister said.

Mr. Bommai said a decision had been taken to regularise the services of 30,000 pourakarmikas and services of 11,000 of them had been regularised in the first phase.

Bommai releases logo of Uttara Karnataka Utsav

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has released the logo of North Karnataka Utsav-2023 to be organised by the North Karnataka Associations' Federation in Bengaluru on January 21 and 22.

The utsav will be held at Sheesh Mahal, Palace Gate No. 7, Bangalore Palace. People from North Karnataka have come here in search of various jobs and settled in Bengaluru, but they have protected and preserved the rich cultural heritage by forming associations in various extensions, said the Chief Minister. A variety of cultural programmes will be held as part of the programme.

On this occasion, the federation will felicitate the Chief Minister and his Cabinet colleagues for sanctioning 3.24 gunta of land to the association for holding various activities.

Mini-textile parks will be set up in 25 taluks: CM

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has instructed officials to establish mini-textile parks in 25 taluks which have more concentration of weavers' population.

After releasing funds under the DBT for handloom and power loom weavers/workers under the Nekar Sanman here on Wednesday, he said the mini-textile parks would help weavers, starting from processing cotton to manufacturing ready-made garments. "Weavers must focus on the quality of products and come forward for exports. The market must be extended through the digital forum, and for this, the Department of Handlooms and Textile will extend full support. Steps are being taken to have agreements with Amazon, Flipkart, and other online forums."

Congress promises to provide 200 units of free power if it gets mandate

DKS makes the announcement during Praja Dhwani rally; BJP governments at the Centre and the State have betrayed the trust of the people, he says

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

The Congress has promised to provide 200 units of free power to all households in the State if the party is voted to power in Karnataka.

The electoral promises came from D.K. Shivakumar, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president, at Chikkodi on Wednesday as the party began its Praja Dhwani Yatre, a bus rally set to cover all the constituencies ahead of the Assembly elections later this year. Charges will be waived for the first 200 units of power consumed by every domestic connection, Mr. Shivakumar said.

"This will provide relief to the people who are suffering from unprecedented price rise, effected by the anti-people policies of the BJP. This is a solemn promise from our side," Mr. Shivakumar said. It may be mentioned here that the AAP in Delhi and Punjab has introduced free power supply schemes. He said that the BJP governments at the Centre and the State had betrayed the trust of the people. "They lied to the people about reducing prices, doubling farmers' income, waiving farm loans, or providing continuous power supply for 10 hours," he said, adding that the BJP had "standardised the prices of corruption like a menu card in a restaurant".

Congress leaders D.K. Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah, and M.B. Patil during 'Shramadana' at the Veera Soudha in Belagavi on Wednesday before the launch of Praja Dhwani bus rally. P.K. BADIGER

"They are collecting ₹2,500 crore to make someone the Chief Minister, ₹100 crore for a ministerial berth, ₹15 crore for commissioners, and other jobs. BJP Ministers are collecting in advance commissions ranging from 30% to 40%. They have collected money even from religious institutions such as mutts," he alleged. The contractors' association, which has over two lakh members, have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. But nothing has happened, he said.

Mr. Shivakumar claimed that the erstwhile Congress government led by Siddaramaiah had fulfilled 159 of the 165 assurances made to the people.

Congress leaders began their Praja Dhwani bus rally from the Veera Soudha monument in Belagavi. Mr. Shivakumar said Belagavi was chosen for the launch of the bus rally as it hosted Mahatma Gandhi as the chairman of the 1924 Congress session. He said senior leaders would cover at least 20 districts.

Poll gimmick: BJP

The Karnataka unit of the BJP has pooh-poohed the promise of free power made by the Congress as a mere poll gimmick. BJP general secretary N. Ravikumar called it one in the party's "string of lies" and said people would see through it.

In a tweet, Lahar Singh Siroya, MP, said, "The Congress party has said it will give 200 units of power free if they come to power. Very sad that a party that has been in power for decades is imitating AAP, a party that was born recently."

Enthused by its 'success' in some pockets, BJP keen to push Hindutva agenda in Old Mysore region

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), keen to gain a foothold in the Old Mysore region that has largely remained impervious to the party, plans on leveraging the Hindutva plank towards this end ahead of the Assembly elections later this year.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who recently held a strategy meeting for the region, set the target of 54 seats for the party in the region which has 89 seats. This was reportedly based on a survey by a private agency commissioned by the party, which indicated that the party can either win or make inroads in 54 constituencies – 21 in Bengaluru and 33 outside the city.

The survey also reportedly claimed that contrary to popular perceptions, Hindutva finds resonance at the grassroots in many segments, even though some senior leaders within the party are not convinced of this.

A file photo of Union Ministers Pralhad Joshi and Amit Shah with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at a BJP rally in Mandya district.

Expanding pockets

"In a region hotly contested between the Congress and the JD(S), we believe a combination of Hindutva and wooing Vokkaligas can help us make inroads into the villages," said a senior BJP leader. "Hindutva has always found resonance in pockets of the Old Mysore region like in Bengaluru and Mysuru cities. But these pockets are expanding. For instance, Hanuma Jayanti Shobhayatre has gained good momentum in Mysuru and Hunsur. The hijab issue resonated even in Mandya, beyond our expectations," said a senior party functionary.

Enthused by these responses, the party has been pushing Hindutva in several segments over the past two years, with varying degrees of success. "For instance, in Kolar and Chickballapur districts, where Hindutva held no appeal, you now see Hindutva groups at the grassroots thanks to S. Muniswamy and K. Sudhakar. The recent campaigns around the clock tower in Kolar town and similar campaigns around Vidhurashwatha and a Ram Mandir in Gauribidanur have helped the party make some inroads," a senior party leader said.

The party also hopes to reap electoral dividends from the Idgah Maidan dispute in Chamarajpet in Bengaluru. Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan has promised a Ram Mandir on the lines of Ayodhya in Ramanagaram district.

Tipu's role

The debate around Mysore ruler Tipu Sultan seems to be key to the party's Hindutva plank in the region. Following a recent play by Addanda Cariappa, director of Rangayana in Mysuru, which claimed Tipu was killed by two hitherto unknown Vokkaliga chieftains. Uri Gowda and Dodda Nanje Gowda, C.T. Ravi, national general secretary, BJP suggested at a public rally in Bengaluru that Vokkaligas need to celebrate the two chieftains. Though historians say there is no evidence of their existence, the party hopes that if this narrative could bring Vokkaligas closer to the Hindutva plank.

Meanwhile, the party is wooing the seer of the prominent Adichunchanagiri Mutt and is enthused by the frequent association of the seer with the party, given even Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath stays at the mutt during his visit to the State.

Voices of dissent

However, there are also arguments that pushing the Hindutva agenda too aggressively could prove counter-productive.

A senior Minister cautioned that traditionally Hindutva had not worked in the region and the party would mainly focus on development, for instance Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Hindutva will always be part of the message. Another party leader said, "Hindutva does resonate in certain pockets of the region. But the party's message for the entire region will not be overwhelmed by Hindutva agenda."

HC appreciates govt. efforts to ensure faster movement of ambulances

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday appreciated the efforts made by the State government to improve the movement of ambulances on the city's busy roads during medical emergencies while disposing of a PIL petition filed in 2020 seeking directions to the authorities to evolve a better system for ambulance movements during the 'gold hour'.

"All the steps taken show that the State government had considered the issues raised in the petition with due seriousness and responded positively. We appreciate the approach of the government in not treating the PIL petition as an adversary but a way to provide necessary emergency services for citizens in cases of medical emergency," the court observed.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi made these observations while disposing of the petition filed by Bharat Punarothana Trust, Bengaluru.

The Bench recorded the measures taken by the authorities to ensure faster movement of ambulances in the city and surrounding areas by setting up a Special Emergency Response Corridor. The corridor involves a dedicated phone number at the traffic police control room to be contacted by the ambulance operators, both government and private ones, to seek faster traffic clearance en route to patient's house and to the hospital during medical emergencies.

A Special Emergency Response Corridor has been set up to ensure smooth movement of ambulances in Bengaluru and surrounding areas

Also, the authorities have updated the vehicle registration software to cross-verify whether the ambulances were fitted with tracking devices or the Global Position System (GPS), the Bench noted.

Meanwhile, the government told the court that a fresh short-term tender, in view of no response to the earlier tender, had been invited by relaxing certain condition, for operating '108' ambulance services and the last date to submit bids is January 30.

NIA arrests two more in IS conspiracy case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Continuing their probe into the Shivamogga IS conspiracy case, National Investigation Agency (NIA) officials arrested two more alleged terror operatives on Tuesday.

The accused have been identified as Mazin Abdul Rahman from Thokottu in Mangaluru and Nadeem Ahmed K.A. from Honnali, Davangere.

With this, the total number of arrest have reached six people.

Investigations revealed that accused Maaz Muneer, arrested earlier in this case, had radicalised and recruited Mazin Abdul Rahman, while the accused Syed Yasin radicalised and recruited Nadeem for furthering the terror activities of Islamic State in India, an NIA release said.

The accused persons recced and attempted to commit acts of sabotage and arson as part of the larger conspiracy to further the activities of Islamic State, the release added.

Charaka plans to more than double handloom fabric production

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

One of the pioneering and profitable cooperative models in the country, the Shivamogga-based Charaka Women's Multipurpose Cooperative Society has drawn up plans to more than double the fabric production that will also provide a livelihood to more weavers.

While the society currently produces 30,000 metres monthly through about 600 weavers, it plans to scale up the production to about one lakh metres a month by additionally providing work to about 3,000 weavers over the next five years. This would make it the largest producer of handloom fabric in the cooperative sector in the country. Charaka is already the largest producer of naturally dyed handloom fabric in the country.

Plans to scale up production come as several fabric designers are seeking its raw handloom fabric while its retail arm Desi has also seen an upswing in demand from its patrons. The change in approach comes in stark contrast to 2020 when it for the first time stopped weaving work due to the piling up of its products as Desi was closed due to COVID-19-induced lockdown besides the earlier cascading effects of demonetisation and GST in the previous years.

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"The demand for raw fabric has been increasing and hence we have for the first time moved our annual buyer-seller meeting from Heggodu to Bengaluru on Thursday. From next year, we will hold the buyer-seller meet in Bengaluru to provide convenience to designers. We intend to scale up the production to about one lakh metres of handloom fabric at Charaka," J. Krishna, managing trustee of Desi and an activist at Charaka, told *The Hindu*.

Down and up again

In fact, the Desi's turnover dropped from ₹5.92 crore in 2019-20 to ₹4.2 crore in 2020-21, a decline of about 29% over the previous year. It, however, posted a turnover of ₹4.3 crore in 2021-22, a modest 3% increase. This financial year, the turnover of Desi is expected to touch ₹6 crore. For Charaka, the turnover had dipped from ₹5.07 crore in 2019-20 to ₹2.92 crore in 2020-2021 which saw a slight increase to ₹3.38 crore in 2021-22. At the end of 2022-23, Charaka is expected to clock a turnover of close to ₹4 crore.

On the other hand, Mr. Krishna pointed out that Charaka had been flooded with demand for work from weavers. "We intend to supply yarn to weavers who are spread across several districts, and receive raw fabric from them as part of our scaling-up exercise." Desi, which currently operates 11 stores in Karnataka, also plans to expand its retail presence in Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Chennai, among others.

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INBRIEF

HC restrains TDB from selling *aravana* at Sabarimala temple

A Division Bench of the Kerala High Court on Wednesday restrained the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) from selling *aravana payasam*, distributed as *prasadam* in tin cans, at Sabarimala as it had been found that the cardamoms used for making it contained pesticide residues exceeding the maximum residue limit stipulated by the Food Safety and Standards Regulations. A Bench comprising Justice Anil K. Narendra and Justice P.G. Ajithkumar, however, made it clear that the court's order would not stand in the way of the TDB making *aravana* without cardamom.

Those who 'illegally bought' land in Amaravati identified

Relatives, associates of ex-TDP Minister Ponguru Narayana are in possession of about 140 acres; accused are alleged to have purchased assigned lands from the poor people, SCs and STs

Sambasiva Rao M.
GUNTUR

The Crime Investigation Department (CID) has unearthed the names of persons in the alleged illegal purchase of assigned lands in the Amaravati capital region of Andhra Pradesh. They include the relatives and close associates of Ponguru Narayana, former Minister in the TDP government.

The prime allegation against the accused is that they had resorted to the illegal purchase of about 315 acres of assigned lands from the poor and people belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) at the time of establishing the capital city in Amaravati by merging as many as 29 villages.

A file photo of Capital Region Development Authority marking stones in a plot at Amaravati capital region.

As per the information accessed by *The Hindu*, Mr. Narayana and his close relatives had allegedly illegally purchased an extent of 140.1 acres of assigned lands pertaining to 132 documents.

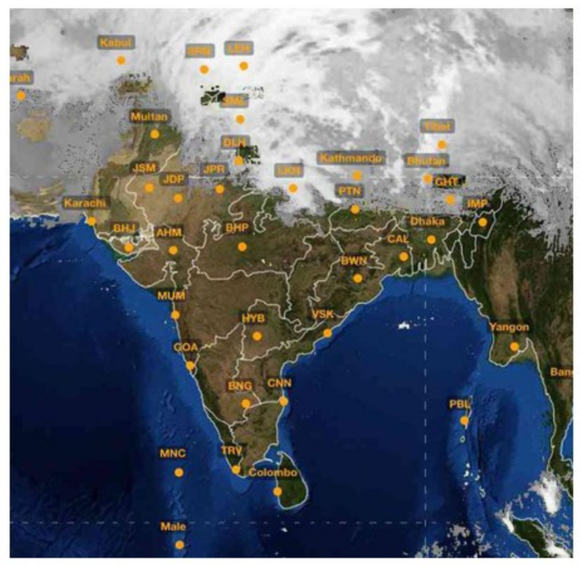
The remaining accused had purchased about 175 acres.

This apart, the CID has unearthed certain irregularities through the GPAs.

Investigation pertaining to 932.72 acres of assigned lands is in progress, according to official sources.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely in isolated pockets over Uttarakhand. Dense/very dense fog likely in isolated pockets over Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Tripura and Sikkim. Cold day conditions likely in isolated pockets over Bihar

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	27.2	11.9	Kozhikode	—	33.5	21.8
Ahmedabad	—	30.5	13.7	Kurnool	—	32.6	15.9
Aizawl	—	—	8.2	Lucknow	—	16.0	6.4
Allahabad	—	19.0	7.4	Madurai	—	31.8	18.6
Bengaluru	—	29.0	13.0	Mangaluru	—	32.8	19.6
Bhopal	—	25.0	8.5	Mumbai	—	31.2	17.0
Bhubaneswar	—	29.2	13.4	Mysuru	—	29.9	13.0
Chandigarh	—	12.8	10.1	New Delhi	—	20.2	5.9
Chennai	—	29.2	20.4	Patna	—	18.0	8.2
Coimbatore	—	31.4	17.0	Port Blair	—	30.5	22.7
Dehradun	—	16.1	7.2	Puducherry	—	30.8	18.4
Gangtok	—	15.1	6.4	Pune	—	32.0	11.9
Goa	—	32.2	18.2	Raipur	—	30.2	12.7
Guwahati	—	27.1	12.0	Ranchi	—	27.0	9.7
Hubballi	—	32.0	14.0	Shillong	—	16.5	6.9
Hyderabad	—	30.9	13.7	Shimla	—	12.9	8.1
Imphal	—	23.4	8.1	Srinagar	0.3	5.4	3.5
Jaipur	—	25.0	10.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.8	20.7
Kochi	—	30.4	22.2	Tiruchi	—	30.1	19.4
Kohima	—	19.6	6.2	Vijayawada	—	30.4	17.6
Kolkata	—	25.3	12.8	Visakhapatnam	—	30.4	19.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.34	139	56	109	140	
Bengaluru	1	22	24	109	108	
Chennai	.20	55	42	199	125	
Delhi	.16	111	88	385	315	
Hyderabad	8	16	64	206	—	
Kolkata	.23	8	41	292	237	
Lucknow	.13	42	99	364	278	
Mumbai	.37	223	42	393	247	
Pune	—	—	—	—	—	—
Visakhapatnam	5	68	35	221	229	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Katihar, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 398 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 29

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Beypore boat to figure in DPR for Swadesh Darshan

The Hindu Bureau
KOZHIKODE

The Kerala Tourism Department is likely to highlight Beypore 'Uru', the wooden dhows handcrafted by artisans and carpenters, and the water sports there in the detailed project report (DPR) to be submitted to the Centre for the Swadesh Darshan project.

Beypore and Kumarakom are the only two tourism destinations from Kerala to be included in the second phase of the project. Official sources said work on the DPR was only in its preliminary stages, and details would be available later.

Beypore was reportedly included in the project considering its historic importance as a port town, its global fame for the Uru and the beautiful seashore, which could boost its tourism sector in a big way. The Tourism Department successfully organised an International Water Fest in 2021 and 2022, attracting thousands of people.

'Space is getting congested and traffic management is important'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Scientific Adviser to the Defence Minister G. Satheesh Reddy has stressed the need to launch a National Programme for Space Situational Awareness (SSA).

Delivering the keynote address on SSA Scenario and Way Forward at a workshop on SSA and Space Traffic Management-Growing Concerns on Space Environment, here on Wednesday, Dr. Reddy said as the space environment is congested there is a need for a national programme for SSA. "Space is getting congested, space traffic management is very important. There should be proper laws and proper mechanisms which need to be brought in for space traffic management," Dr. Reddy said.

Dr. Reddy also said that international partnerships are also very important along with strict regulations for effective SSA. "If you look at the last decade in various universities and other places the space law has been introduced and people have been updating it and it is evolving. There have to be regulations and there have to be imposed disciplines," Dr. Reddy said.

He added that agencies should ensure that there is zero debris whenever a space mission is undertaken. Dr. Reddy said that space has now become the fourth dimension of warfare in the last few years.

"On the military side, space has become the fourth dimension of warfare. Earlier, we used to have only land, air and sea but now space has become the fourth dimension of warfare," he said.

Pawan Goenka, chairman of Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre, which functions as an autonomous agency in the Department of Space suggested that there be a moratorium on anti-satellite tests for at least for 10 years.

"I am not an expert but can we talk about a moratorium on anti-satellite tests for at least 10 years, can we say that the five years become the standard post mission disposal? The U.S. has taken lead in both of these and can the whole global community come together and say we are going to follow this," he said.

World Bank to get Sub-Saharan agricultural officials to Karnataka to learn from its watershed model

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

Impressed with Karnataka's performance in the implementation of the Rejuvenating Watershed for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) scheme, the World Bank has decided to get agricultural officers from Sub-Saharan countries to visit the State to learn from its experience.

A World Bank team that visited the State from January 9 to 11 to review the implementation of REWARD scheme informed this to the State officers, according to M. V. Venkatesh, Commissioner, Watershed Development Department.

The World Bank team felt that Karnataka's model could help Sub-Saharan countries that are reeling under food crisis, he said.

"The World Bank team was extremely happy with the way Karnataka has implemented the scheme, particularly the State's emphasis on developing science-based watershed model and climate-resilient agricultural practices," Dr. Venkatesh told *The Hindu*.

Karnataka, which has been identified as a "lighthouse partner" by the World Bank in developing science-based watershed model, is the first State to develop a Land Resource Inventory portal that has details of 14 lakh hectares of land coming under the project, he said.

The Land Resource Inventory will have details on the appropriate measures to be taken for different types of land with respect to agriculture, groundwater, crop, and soil health, among other issues, he explained.

Karnataka has already set up a Centre for Excellence in Watershed Management to train officers from different States on watershed-related aspects. The centre is located on the GKVK campus of the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru.

Mangaluru blast case: NIA, ED carry out searches in Tirthahalli

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

Sleuths of Central agencies have been searching properties at Tirthahalli in Shivamogga district of Karnataka, belonging to the accused in the Mangaluru cooker blast.

Officials of both the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) are believed to be in the town. However, there is no official statement on the operation by either of the agencies.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra told mediapersons that he had received information that the ED was searching properties in Tirthahalli.

Mohammed Shariq, accused in the cooker blast case, Maaz Muneer Ahmed, who has been arrested in connection with the trial blast in September 2022, and Abdul Matheen Ahmed Taha, accused in the Al-Hindu Islamic State Bengaluru terror module case, are natives of Tirthahalli.

The officers also questioned former Minister Kimmane Ratnakar. They are believed to have asked him about the rental agreement of the Congress' office in Tirthahalli. The office is located in a building owned by Abdul Majid, father of Mohammed Shariq. "The party has a rental agreement with Abdul Majid for eight years after paying an initial deposit of ₹10 lakh and a rent of ₹1,000 per month. The party has nothing to do with Abdul Majid, other than the rental agreement," the former Minister said.

Shanti Kumari is new Chief Secretary of Telangana

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Senior IAS officer A. Shanti Kumari has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Telangana.

The State government has issued orders appointing her as the Chief Secretary after Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao gave his consent for her appointment to the top bureaucratic post in the State. The order was given a day after the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) relieved Somesh Kumar from the post.

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Reckless spree

Authorities must heed science and people living near mines, dams

The land subsidence in Joshimath has become emblematic of a geological disaster that has in fact manifested across India, in the neighbourhood of several large resource-extraction projects. There have been reports of subsidence from the Jharia, Bhurkunda, Kapasara, Raniganj and Talcher coal mines; from Delhi and Kolkata due to the over-extraction of groundwater; and from Mehsana for hydrocarbons. Last year, land in Chamba, Himachal Pradesh, began to sag shortly after a hydroelectric power project began test runs, calling into question the effects of the Tapovan Vishnugad facility near Joshimath in Uttarakhand. In 2010, some months after a tunnel-boring machine nicked an underground aquifer near Joshimath, leading to substantial water discharge, two researchers wrote in *Current Science* that the "sudden and large scale dewatering of the strata has the potential" to trigger "ground subsidence in the region". Determining whether the ongoing incident can be traced directly to the 2009 aquifer puncture is complicated by the lack of long-term scientific investigations of the area. On January 5, the NTPC issued a statement washing its hands of the unfolding crisis after locals began pointing fingers at Tapovan Vishnugad, as well as the Helang-Marwari bypass as part of the Char Dham project. Scientists from the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-National Geophysical Research Institute set out on January 10 to examine the circumstances of the subsidence. Both the national and the State governments must heed the team's findings, even if it means ceasing further construction work.

Experts and civil society have called on the government on many occasions to ease its dam-building spree, of late over rivers in the north and the Northeast; to moderate tourism in the regions to be sustainable; and to not blow off unstable hillsides to widen roads. Heavy rains in Aizawl in July triggered subsidence, exposing poor zoning enforcement and oversight of the regional carrying capacity. But in Joshimath, which is particularly prone to landslides, questions about zoning, carrying capacity and tipping points have all been set aside. The subsidence in Joshimath has captured the nation's attention because it is a destination for both pilgrims and tourists, but it is far from being the site of the first or the deadliest incident. The government must undertake whatever repair and restoration efforts it is undertaking at Joshimath at all the other sites as well. Finally, the national and the State governments must listen to both science and the people already living near mines and dams. There is an argument to allow economically developing countries to emit more before becoming carbon-neutral, but it is not a free pass to plunder natural resources at the cost of climate justice.

A push for glory

The hockey World Cup adds to Odisha's reputation as organiser of sports events

For Odisha's tribal-dominated hockey cradle Sundargarh district, where people are used to seeing a goat as a trophy in a rural tournament, the conduct of the Men's World Cup at Rourkela, a joint host of the mega event along with Bhubaneswar, will be a dream opportunity to watch the best teams compete from Friday. It took a generous decision from the Odisha government to sponsor the Indian national teams and then hold the World Cup in Bhubaneswar in 2018. It took an even bigger decision by Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to organise it in two cities, officially for the first time, in 2023. The State government had to adopt a three-pronged approach to tackle logistical issues. It spent ₹260 crore to build a new stadium which has the capacity to hold 20,000 spectators; constructed a 225-room five-star facility to accommodate players and officials; and readied an airport for commercial flights in Rourkela within a limited time frame. The pandemic was a major impediment, but the Odisha government was strong-willed. India will now become the first country to hold the World Cup in consecutive editions and for the fourth time. Steel City Rourkela will be the fourth Indian city to organise the event. Sundargarh was exposed to hockey by the Christian missionaries in the 1860s. It has come a long way since then to produce top stars including former India captain and current Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey, Ignace Tirkey, Prabodh Tirkey, Lazarus Barla, William Xalxo, Birendra Lakra, Jyoti Sunita Kullu, Subhadra Pradhan and Deep Grace Ekka. The district will now see two of its sons – vice-captain Amit Rohidas and Nilam Sanjeep Xess – sport India colours on its soil.

For the first time in over four decades, India is approaching a World Cup as an Olympic medallist following its 2021 bronze win in Tokyo. The hunger for success will be intense as India – which bagged a bronze medal in 1971, a silver in 1973 and a gold in 1975 – had its last podium finish in a World Cup nearly 48 years ago. Coached by the Australian World Cup and Olympic medallist Graham Reid, the home team, which was a quarter-finalist in the last edition and is now a blend of youth and experience, will be keen for a fruitful campaign. Irrespective of where India finishes, the 16-team event is all set to bolster Odisha's reputation to organise big-ticket sporting events.

Reducing preterm births and stillbirths

Nelson Mandela had said that "there can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children". Two global reports released on January 10, 2023 – on child mortality and on stillbirths – prod us to reflect on whether India is doing enough for ensuring the health and survival of every child.

The report on child mortality – 'Levels and Trends in Child Mortality', by the United Nations Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (UNIGME) – estimates that globally, five million children died before their fifth birthday (under-five mortality) in 2021. Over half of these (2.7 million) occurred among children aged 1-59 months, while the remainder (2.3 million) occurred in just the first month of life (neonatal deaths).

India's share in these child mortalities was estimated at 7,09,366 under-five deaths; 5,86,787 infant deaths (death before first birthday); and 4,41,801 neonatal deaths. Many of these are preventable. In addition, the Sample Registration System (SRS), released in September 2022, showed wide inter-State variations in child mortality in India. For every 1,000 live births, the infant mortality rate in Madhya Pradesh was six-fold of the rate in Kerala. The children in rural parts in any age subgroup have much higher mortality rates than their urban counterparts.

Chandrakant Lahariya

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Two neglected challenges

At the root of many child deaths are two neglected challenges. The first challenge is of children being 'born too early' (preterm births), which means they are born alive before 37 weeks of pregnancy are completed. This is a challenge because these 'preterm babies' are two to four times at higher risk of death after birth in comparison to those born after 37 weeks of gestation. Globally, one in every 10 births is preterm; in India, one in every six to seven births is preterm. India has a high burden of preterm births, which means newborns in the country are at greater risk of complications and mortality. Studies have shown that preterm births contribute to one in every six under-five child deaths. However, three out of every four deaths due to preterm birth-related complications are preventable.

A majority of these births can be prevented by scaling up known and proven interventions and improving the quality of health services

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The second challenge is of stillbirths, the subject of the second report titled 'Never Forgotten', also by the UNIGME. A baby who dies any time after 22 weeks of pregnancy, but before or during the birth, is classified as a stillborn. Globally, an estimated 1.9 million stillbirths happened in 2021. In 2021, the absolute estimated number of stillbirths in India (2,86,482) was greater than the death amongst children in 1-59 months of age (2,67,565). The rates and number of both preterm births and stillbirths are unacceptably high and drive the neonatal, infant and child mortalities upwards in India. Thus, they demand urgent interventions.

One of the reasons preterm births and stillbirths do not get due attention is lack of granular and reliable data. Over decades, while countries have strengthened the mechanisms for tracking child mortality, the data on stillbirths and preterm births are scarce. Even at the global level, the first-ever report on stillbirths was released only in October 2020. In India, the SRS report on stillbirths fails the 'smell test'. Its stillbirth estimates are less than even the lower end of the confidence interval by all other reliable estimates, including a recent peer-reviewed analysis with the use of government data from the Health Management Information System. Experts believe that the problem is the lack of timely, granular data on stillbirths from the block, district and State levels.

The known and proven solutions

The majority of stillbirths and preterm births can be prevented by scaling up known and proven interventions and improving the quality of health services. For reducing both stillbirths and preterm births, the focus must be on: increasing access to family planning services; improving antepartum services such as health and nutrition, including the intake of iron folic acid by pregnant mothers, providing counselling on the importance of a healthy diet, and optimal nutrition; and identification and management of risk factors. The measures to prevent, detect early and manage diseases which put mothers at high risk, such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity and infections, will also help in reducing preterm births and stillbirths. And it is possible to reduce future neurological complications for preterm babies by ensuring the Kangaroo mother care and early initiation of exclusive breastfeeding, among others.

Half the stillbirths happen before delivery due to antepartum causes and the remaining during delivery (intrapartum). Monitoring labour and functional referral linkages and improving the quality of health care services will prevent stillbirths.

However, the interventions can be best delivered if data on preterm births and stillbirths are better recorded and reported. The maternal and perinatal deaths surveillance guidelines need to be effectively implemented and the International Classification of Diseases' definition for perinatal mortality must be adopted. The use of this classification will help standardise the causes of stillbirth reporting. Alongside, India needs to identify the hot spot clusters of stillbirths and preterm births for local and targeted interventions.

In mid-2022, a Delhi-based not-for-profit, the Foundation for People-Centric Health Systems, drafted a report, which was endorsed by seven other organisations and professional associations including the Federation of Obstetric and Gynecological Societies of India and the Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine. It underscored the need for multi-stakeholder collaboration and flagged the need for better data. It is time for all stakeholders to work together and for health policymakers to take note of these challenges and start interventions.

Policy solutions

Three weeks from now, the Union Budget will be presented in Parliament. It is likely that the government will list its achievements in the health sector. While achievements should be celebrated, it is equally important that policymakers pause to reflect on the neglected challenges. Stillbirths and preterm births are highly sensitive 'tracer indicators' of the quality of maternal and child health services in particular, and overall health services in general. In the National Health Policy of 2017, the government had committed to investing 2.5% of the GDP on health by 2025. Six years since then, the government's allocation for health has increased only marginally. Even by the best estimate, it is around 1.5% of the GDP. The Indian government's investment on health is among the lowest in the world. Yet, there does not seem any urgency on its part to increase funding for health. There are multiple reasons why India's health system needs more government funding: children continue to die from preventable causes; pregnant women do not receive good quality care; aggregate mortality hides the inequities in health outcomes and the brunt of those inequities is borne by the poorest and marginalised families; and the primary healthcare system is underfunded, and some cosmetic changes along are not be enough to improve health outcomes; among others. The two recent reports are reminders that it is time for the government to allocate more funds for health, starting with the upcoming Budget.

China's oil gambit in Taliban's Afghanistan

The signing of a multi-million-dollar deal between Xinjiang Central Asia Petroleum and Gas Co and the Taliban in Kabul is being marketed by the latter as its first major economic win since the return of the Islamic Emirate in August 2021. The deal, estimated to be $540 million, gives Beijing access to the Amu Darya basin in northern Afghanistan.

Afghanistan has small and medium-sized mineral fields, most of which remain unexplored. While the deal has created a lot of noise, the basin had in fact been earmarked by the now-erstwhile Republic's leadership more than a decade ago for China to develop. The Taliban-led interim government had been seeking a major economic victory, dangling the country's mineral wealth largely in front of China while also trying to impress other countries.

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China's aims and challenges

Beyond the politics and posturing, the practicality of the deal and implementation of the deal is going to be key. For China, keeping Afghanistan and Central Asia out of reach of the West has been a critical strategic aim, but this was challenged when Russia invaded Ukraine last year. Many states in the region, barring Tajikistan, accepted the coming of the Taliban as they did not wish to stoke conflicts on their borders. Today, they openly discuss regional cooperation with the group. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has also offered space for the U.S. to re-engage in Central Asia.

However, China has been receptive to the Taliban for some time now and has been the most visible power in Kabul since the Taliban took charge. Beijing has hosted multiple Taliban delegations. In 2021, in Tianjin, a few months before Kabul was captured by the Taliban, the then Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi hosted Abdul Ghani Baradar, who is now Acting Deputy Prime Minister of Afghanistan.

The oil deal could be a fundamental test for the future of Afghanistan-China cooperation

It is not as though Beijing does not have security concerns. It has pushed the Taliban to act against Uyghur-led militant groups operating inside Afghan territory, such as the Turkistan Islamic Party, which targets China's actions in restive Xinjiang. How cooperative the Taliban has been with China on this point in the recent past remains contested.

Economically, China's approach to Afghanistan would have Pakistan at the centre, so that both states are tied to larger projects such as the Belt and Road Initiative and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. However, the rapid deterioration of the security situation between the Taliban and Pakistan, specifically over the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan, may throw a spanner in Beijing's plans. Recent attacks against Chinese targets in Kabul and in Pakistan will test China's poor record of dealing with Islam as a religion, society, and culture. The fact that Pakistan's Afghanistan strategy is also imploding will not instil much confidence in Beijing's power corridors.

The Taliban perspective

Meanwhile, the Taliban is aiming to establish a successful Islamic Emirate, one that is different from the previous version. To achieve this, they need a somewhat functional economy to fund not only the state, but also individual factions within the umbrella of the Taliban movement. Today, Afghans live in terrible economic and social conditions. The Taliban have implemented regressive policies, such as disallowing women's education. A prolonged economic depression will challenge the authority of the current regime. The challenge may not come from the public, but from within the movement. This does not necessarily translate into a leadership challenge against the Supreme Leader Hibatullah Akhundzada, but it could lead to further alienation of the regime by the global community, which certain Taliban leaders are trying to avoid. The economic vision of some in the Taliban, including those who negotiated with the West as well as the Haqqanis, is different from the ideological nucleus of the Taliban, held by Akhundzada and his closely knit circle of advisers and confidants. It is unlikely that the Taliban would make ideological concessions only to facilitate certain economic gains after building a narrative of having defeated a superpower.

This reality, then, raises a question: is Beijing ready to economically lift the Taliban regime all by itself in exchange for natural resources? And does it see the cost of such a strategy as being affordable? China has a chequered record of running investments and businesses in politically volatile regions from afar. If Beijing was hoping to run its economic strategy in Afghanistan through a blank chequebook and an economically unstable Pakistan which is facing severe political and strategic headwinds, it may now need a rethink.

The success or failure of the oil deal could determine the future of Afghanistan-China cooperation. Nonetheless, Beijing would be wary of not becoming another footnote in the 'graveyard of empires' story.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tragedy after tragedy

The Bhopal gas tragedy case points to our poor record in paying compensation ("We won't pay a farthing more, says Union Carbide," Jan 11). Most of the affected victims must have passed away. It is tragic that their nominees are still struggling to get compensation and shameful that ₹50 crore is yet to be disbursed. Whatever happens now will be too little, too late. If the victims of one of the biggest industrial disasters are treated this way, one shudders to think of the plight of other victims awaiting compensation.

A.V. Narayanan
Tiruchi

The health consequences of the gas leakage are not only debilitating, but also run for generations. Both Union Carbide and the government are responsible for the suffering of the victims. The gas tragedy is too big to turn a blind eye to, even now.

Kosaraju Chandramouli
Hyderabad

Subsidence of Joshimath

While development builds the nation, it should never come at the cost of the environment ("A mountain reeling under human aggression," Jan. 10). Fragile and eco-sensitive areas need special care. Citizens must come forward to save nature before it is too late. Other towns which are similarly fragile need to be examined thoroughly by experts.

Ranju Gulati
Chandigarh

Kashi Tamil Sangamam

On the one hand, the Centre seems to be reaching out to Tamil Nadu and attempting to strengthen ties between various cultures ("The beginning of India's cultural renaissance," Jan. 11). On the other, the Governor seems to be always rubbing the Tamil Nadu government the wrong way through his comments and actions.

A.J. Rangarajan
Chennai

Polarisation

The events in Brazil and in the U.S. can be solely attributed to political polarisation ("A riot of losers," Jan. 11). Polarisation is a plague that is spreading through many countries. Political party leaders and supporters should be responsible in their speech and action. Nations and institutions are bigger than ideologies and electoral victories.

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Hindu Right's ploy to win over Muslims

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In recent months, the Hindu Right has shown great concern for Pasmanda Muslims. In July 2022, at the National Executive Meeting in Hyderabad, Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed for Pasmanda outreach. Broadly, Pasmanda is a category of Muslims that has an indelible Hindu heritage, largely belongs to the OBC, Dalit, and Adivasi social groups, and is considered comparatively backward to other Indian Muslims. Convinced about the Hindu Right's anti-Muslim prejudices, its critics are intrigued by its rather new-found compassion for Pasmandas. Some view it as the BJP's divide-and-rule policy to deal with Muslims.

In India's ideological struggle between secularists vis-a-vis Hindu nationalists, it appears as if the BJP is trying to give back to its ideological opponents, the secularists, in their own game. For quite some time, some secularists have been advocating Muslim-Dalit solidarity to deal with the growing influence of Hindu nationalists. This strategy has varied strands. One was represented by Kanshi Ram's Bahujan politics, which was clearly meant to take on India's Brahminical order. There were other political parties, especially of minority groups, which also sought to pursue similar strategies. The underlying goal has been to unravel Hindu consolidation across caste lines, and stitch an enduring political alliance based on shared victimhood.

In the electoral domain, very little is achieved by this strategy against the Hindu Right. Scholars who work the BJP's electoral strategies have argued that the party has been far more successful in co-opting the Hindu Dalits compared to the efforts of its secular rivals. In a way, the Hindu Right is essentially replicating the divide-and-rule policy that secularists sought to deploy to undermine the Hindutva movement – particularly since the late 1980s. That is why, one of the ways the Hindu Right's Pasmanda outreach could be seen is as paying back by the same coin to its ideological adversary, the secularists.

At the heart of this debate lies the big puzzle: the place of caste among Indian Muslims. It is a unique gift of Hindu society to Indian Islam and also to other religions such as Christianity and Sikhism. Therefore, its presence among Indian Muslims is robust evidence of inadequate Islamisation. While commenting on the presence of caste among Muslims, Ambedkar in his famous essay, *Annihilation of Caste*, said that the key point is: in Hinduism, caste has religious consecration but that is not the case with Islam. That is why Ambedkar appealed to Dalits to embrace Islam if they wish to emancipate themselves from the Hindu caste order though he himself embraced Buddhism. Likewise, Periyar, while addressing an anti-untouchability conference in 1943, said: "Converting to Islam is the solution because it offers social unity and self-respect... Adi-Dravidas ought to leave Hinduism and join Islam.."

In a recent discussion in New Delhi, historian Romila Thapar suggested that Ambedkar should have spoken more forcefully about the castes among Muslims. Not just Ambedkar, but also Gandhi, Nehru or Maulana Azad should have spoken about castes among Indian Muslims in my view, which could have undermined the "separate homeland" movement premised on Muslim homogeneity.

Pasmanda Muslims constitute roughly more than 80% of the Indian Muslim population. Activists have pointed out discrimination faced by some groups of Pasmandas in mosques, kabaristan (graveyards), and various domains of social relationships, contrary to the teachings of Islam. There are also evidences of people of Pasmanda heritage who have occupied key positions in major Muslim institutions. For example, Maulana Abdul Qasim Nomani, served as Rector for years of Deobond, the most prominent Islamic seminary.

While the Hindu Right may have a political motive to attribute the backwardness of Pasmanda Muslims to Ashraf Muslims or upper caste Muslims (for instance Sheikhs, Sayeds, etc.) who trace their origins to outside India such as the Arab world or central Asia, the fact is that the issues of Muslim backwardness are multi-dimensional, and caste could be only one such factor or even the most prominent factor. Furthermore, Islam is the youngest of the Abrahamic religions compared to Judaism and Christianity, so it is natural that most Muslims even in the Arab world and elsewhere have non-Islamic ancestry, almost the way Indian Muslims are having Hindu heritage. Therefore, Indian Muslims having Hindu heritage represents more of a global pattern of Muslim evolutionary history rather than an exception, and need not be seen pejoratively.

For the Hindu Right, it is convenient to paint Pasmanda backwardness as a consequence of intra-Muslim community prejudices rather than an outcome of any form of discrimination arising out of the majority-minority framework of domination and hostility. But the Hindu Right is yet to formulate any systematic policy of intervention for the upliftment of Pasmandas. For instance, Danish Azad Ansari, a lone Muslim minister in BJP's Uttar Pradesh government, remains more of an exception than a pattern, given that no such faces could be found in BJP governments say in Gujarat or Madhya Pradesh or Haryana, or even at the Centre. At this point, it looks like Hindutva's response to Pasmanda issues is another stunted form of symbolism – almost the way symbolism was part of India's secularism. But what the community needs is a substantive intervention to address its long-standing backwardness issues.

The Hindu Right's new-found concern for Pasmanda Muslims can only be read as a stunted form of symbolism

A spat with a difference

The State stands to lose if the tussle between the T.N. Governor and CM escalates

STATE OF PLAY

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State Assemblies are no strangers to protests. Even Governors have been involved in such protests, by skipping or omitting portions of text from the addresses prepared for them by the State governments. In February 1965, for instance, the then West Bengal Governor, Padmaja Naidu, walked out of the Assembly without addressing the House, annoyed by the continuous interruptions by the Opposition. But what the Tamil Nadu Assembly witnessed on Monday is uncommon in the history of legislature in the country.

Governor R.N. Ravi refrained from reading out a paragraph that contained references to national and regional stalwarts, and to the term "Dravidian model of governance", a phrase which gained currency after the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) government assumed office in May 2021.

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin responded through a resolution that said the House record would reflect only the prepared text and not the Governor's version. The Assembly rules provide for observance of order before, after and during the address; the rule concerned (Rule 17) was relaxed to allow the Chief Minister to move the motion. As Mr. Stalin went ahead with his speech in Tamil, the Leader of the Opposition, Edappadi K. Palaniswami, left the House along with his colleagues. Subsequently, Mr. Ravi ascertained from his officials what was going on and walked out of the Assembly too. Indications of the course of the day's

events were visible at the commencement of the Governor's address when allies of the ruling party such as the Congress and the Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi raised slogans in support of the use of the term 'Tamil Nadu' instead of the term 'Tamizhagam,' which the Governor had deemed more appropriate. Later, they staged a walkout.

The Governor's ties with the DMK have been far from smooth. Apart from sparking a debate on the name of the State, he also termed the State's politics "regressive", last week. Barring the BJP, there were no takers for his suggestion of using the term 'Tamizhagam' – not even from the principal Opposition party, the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), which has otherwise voiced support for the Governor. Both supporters and critics of the Governor's observation quoted from Tamil works in defence of their positions. However, what is not highlighted much is that the nomenclature for the State-level Congress unit – Tamil Nadu Congress Committee – has been in vogue for almost 100 years. In 1961, C. Subramaniam, an important member of the Kamaraj Cabinet for eight years, even said that the State could be called 'Tamil Nadu' in Tamil while retaining the term 'Madras' in English. Besides, it was only through an Act of Parliament – the Madras State (Alteration of Name) Act, 1968 – that the State's name was changed to Tamil Nadu. The day after the unsavoury events in the Assembly, the Governor, in an interaction with civil services aspirants, expressed his disapproval of the DMK's practice of using the term "Union government" ("*ondriya arasu*") to refer to the Centre.

Though Tamil Nadu, in the past, has seen spells of fractured equations between the Raj Bhavan and the State government, including a period in the mid-1990s when Governor M. Channa Reddy and Chief Minister Jayalalithaa were in power, the ongoing tussle appears to be different in one sense. There is no one in sight who can bridge the gap between the two constitutional authorities. Moreover, the BJP, regarded by the DMK as one of its ideological rivals, is in power at the Centre.

Jayalalithaa first terminated the alliance of her party, the AIADMK, with the Congress, which was in power at the Centre then; had a round of confrontations with Channa Reddy between 1993 and 1995; and eventually found ways to patch up with Reddy who, in his address to the Assembly in 1996, praised Jayalalithaa for her "inspiring leadership." It was no wonder then that the AIADMK and the Congress fought together in the 1996 Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, even though the two parties fared miserably.

The chances for such a dramatic turn of events in the present instance appear to be remote. Mr. Ravi has not given his nod for a number of Bills that have been adopted by the Assembly. People hope that the tensions do not escalate further; otherwise, they could impact adversely on the governance in the State.

The best batsmen in Tests across eras

Labuschagne and Smith's batting averages tower over their peers in a way that places them among the all-time greats of the game

DATA POINT

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Test cricket in the T20 era has been increasingly decisive with most games finishing with a win/loss record instead of draws. Considering that Test victories require the winning team to get the opposition team all out at least once, this means that bowlers have rarely had it so good in Tests as they have in the current era. Which also suggests that batting in Tests has become more challenging than before.

Only 33 batsmen have historically scored at an average of more than 50 per innings and having played at least 30 Test matches. And in the current era, there exist just three such batsmen – Steve Smith, Marnus Labuschagne of Australia and New Zealand's Kane Williamson averaging 60.89, 59.43, 53.83 runs. Table 1 lists the currently active batsmen (who played at least one Test in 2022) with at least 30 Tests under the belt, ordered on batting average.

Steve Smith is just one among three batsmen who have had an average of over 60 and have played at least 30 Tests. Fellow Aussie Donald Bradman with 99.94 and Englishman Herbert Sutcliffe with 60.73 are the other two.

Simply comparing batting averages is flawed – a batsman in an era could have faced better bowlers (or worse) than someone from another age. Then, there are the changes in rules, conditions, and technology (the covering of pitches; the limit on the bouncers per over; the introduction of helmets; DRS – just a few of these).

We need a method of normalisation that accounts for changes in eras and is able to compare batsmen. One way is to measure how a batsman has done in his time – the extent to which he has outperformed his peers. We can then compare this margin with the margins of other batsmen.

To do this, we find the difference between a player's batting average and the average number of runs scored by all other batsmen during the period the player was active. For instance, Sachin Tendulkar averaged 53.78 between his debut in 1989 and retirement in 2013. All other players in this 24-year period averaged 33.34. The difference between Tendulkar and the rest in his time is 20.44. This difference is what we term as "Net Average".

Table 2 shows the top batsmen ordered on "Net Average". The Don tops the list by far – his 99.94 average was 67 runs (and change) more than the average runs for batters during his era – a "net average" that is more than twice the next best batsman in the list – Labuschagne with 29.55. Smith lags behind slightly. Tendulkar ranks 17th and Kohli ranks 38th.

While it is useful to limit this analysis to batsmen who have played at least 30 matches, we cannot rank batsmen merely on "net average". That is because longevity in Test cricket matters and even elite batsmen undergo a regression in their ability to score in the later end of their careers.

Chart 1 plots "Net Average" against the Total runs scored by batsmen who played at least 30 Tests. The chart is illuminating – it also marks out those batsmen with a "net average" of just about 20 or more and also scored more than 7,000 runs and these are truly the elite in Test cricket.

This analysis is not complete, ideally, batsmen should be further classified on batting positions. But suffice to say, the Don once again stands out (literally) in his high net average, Tendulkar for the sheer volume of runs. Others like South Africa's Jacques Kallis, Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara, Australia's Smith and Chappell, West Indies' Gary Sobers, Brian Lara, Pakistan's Javed Miandad and England's Wally Hammond round out this elite list. They indeed are the truly best ever.

The best of the best

The chart and the tables are constructed based on data collated from espncricinfo.com's Statsguru. Only batsmen who have played at least 30 Test matches have been considered

Table1 : Active batsmen ordered by batting average

M Labuschagne

KS Williamson

Player	Team	Runs	Avg.
SPD Smith	AUS	8647	60.89
M Labuschagne	AUS	3150	59.43
KS Williamson	NZ	7645	53.83
JE Root	ENG	10629	49.43
V Kohli	IND	8119	48.9
Babar Azam	PAK	3696	48.63
UT Khawaja	AUS	4162	47.83
DA Warner	AUS	8132	46.2
RG Sharma	IND	3137	46.13
AD Mathews	SL	6953	45.14

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Table 2 : The table shows a player's batting average (Avg.) and the average number of runs scored by all other batsmen during the period the player was active (O. Avg.). The difference between the two is the player's net average (N.Avg.). Runs = Career Test runs

Player	Runs	Avg.	O. Avg.	N. Avg.
DG Bradman	6996	99.94	32.26	67.68
M Labuschagne	3150	59.43	29.88	29.55
SPD Smith	8647	60.89	32.25	28.64
ED Weekes	4455	58.61	30.12	28.49
H Sutcliffe	4555	60.73	32.73	28
KF Barrington	6806	58.67	31.12	27.55
CL Walcott	3798	56.68	29.95	26.73
GS Sobers	8032	57.78	31.47	26.31
WR Hammond	7249	58.45	32.43	26.02
JB Hobbs	5410	56.94	31.11	25.83
KC Sangakkara	12400	57.4	34.1	23.3
SR Tendulkar	15921	53.78	33.34	20.44
BC Lara	11953	52.88	32.66	20.22
V Kohli	8119	48.9	31.86	17.04

Chart 3

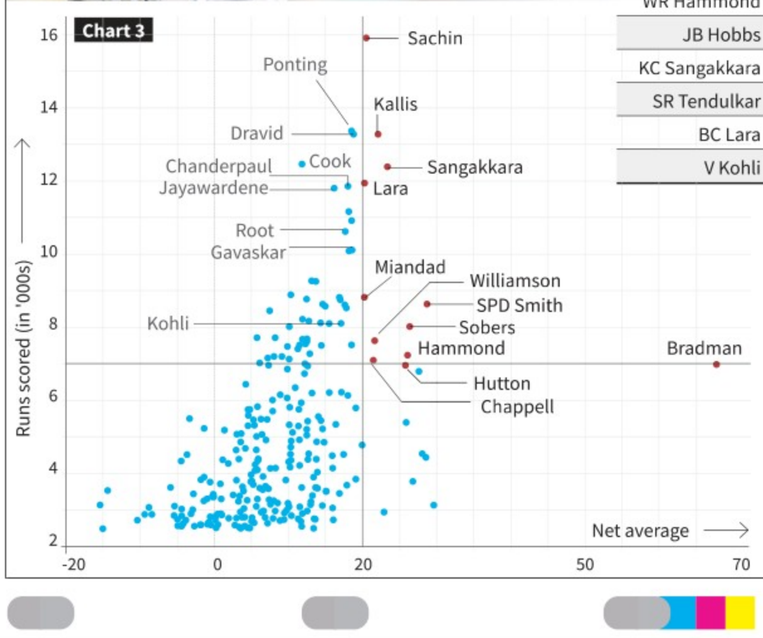

Chart 3 : The chart plots net average (N.Avg.) against the total runs scored by a batsmen who played at least 30 Tests

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FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JANUARY 12, 1973

Accused pleads guilty in U.S. election scandal

WASHINGTON, Jan 11. The Watergate scandal which attracted a great deal of attention during last year's presidential campaign, returned to the headlines to-day when one of the central figures among the seven facing trial changed his plea from not guilty to guilty.

Howard Hunt, a former White House official, admitted his guilt in the district court on three counts of conspiracy, burglary and illegal wire-tapping. If Hunt's plea is accepted, he faces a possible prison term of 25 years.

Hunt and six other accomplices were caught breaking into the Democrat Party's Watergate headquarters in Washington last June. It has been alleged that they did so as part of political undercover activities conceived in the White House as election strategy and directed by presidential aides, who were members of the committee for Mr. Nixon's re-election. The defendants are said to have received as much as $235,000 from the committee to carry out the campaign which was intended to discredit such Democrat presidential candidates as Edmund Muskie and George McGovern.

Though the prosecution has not established that the Republican Party officials aside from the defendants were directly implicated in illegal activities, it is believed that the present defendants may be asked to reveal the identity of those higher-ups who directed the undercover activities.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JANUARY 12, 1923

Afghanistan

(ASSOCIATED PRESS OF INDIA) PESHWAR, Jan. 11. The lay out of the new Afghan capital of Chardeh five miles off Kabul is now complete and the construction of the Amir's palace has been undertaken. The Afghan court assembled for winter. Afghan trade delegates are considering the draft of the Angle-Afghan trade convention which is designed to give effect to the trade clauses of Dobb's treaty. Major Brett and Mr. Nind, British delegates, are conferring with the Government of India in Delhi whence they are expected to return to Jalalabad next week. The Amir is steadily pursuing the policy of retrenchment and important reductions in the size of the army and salaries of officers and men are anticipated.

From Page One

Court cannot dilute Parliament's sovereignty, says Vice-President

"But on October 16, 2015, the highest court of the land held both the 99th Constitution Amendment Act, 2014 and the National Judicial Appointments Commission Act, 2014 unconstitutional on the premise of being in violation of the Basic Structure," Mr. Dhankhar said.

'Not a challenge'

"This is not a challenge to the judiciary, but this has not happened anywhere else in the world. How can Parliament's sovereignty be compromised," he asked.

"In a democratic society, 'the basic' of any 'Basic Structure' has to be the supremacy of mandate of people. Thus, the primacy and sovereignty of Parliament and legislature is inviolable," he added.

"Can the power of the Parliament to amend the constitution be dependent on any other institution? Can any organisation or institution say that this needs our stamp," he questioned.

On a Bench of the Supreme Court asking the Attorney-General to pass on the message to constitutional authorities to use restraint while making statements, Mr. Dhankhar said: "I declined to entertain the Attorney-General on this point. I cannot be party to emasculate power of legislature."

'Third and superior chamber'

Quoting B.R. Ambedkar, he said it must be remembered that the Constitution never envisaged a "third and superior chamber" for Parliament to grant approval to the legislation passed by the two Houses.

The Speaker said: "Legislatures in our country have always respected the powers of the judiciary. The judiciary is also expected to follow the principle of separation and balance of powers conferred by the Constitution."

Three soldiers killed after falling into gorge in J&K

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Three soldiers, including a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO), were killed after they fell into a deep gorge in the Machhal Sector of Kupwara district in Jammu and Kashmir.

"A routine operational task was undertaken on January 10 at about 5.30 p.m. in Machhal Sector, along a narrow winter track. While moving towards the forward post, snow along the narrow track broke, leading to slipping of one JCO and two jawans into a deep gorge," the Defence PRO in Srinagar said in a statement. The bodies of the soldiers were recovered on Wednesday.

They were identified as Naib Subedar Parshotam Kumar, 43, Havildar Amrik Singh, 39, and Sepoy Amit Sharma, 23. Nb. Sub. Kumar hailed from Majua Uttami village in Jammu district. He is survived by his wife and two children. Havildar Singh belonged to Mandwara village of Himachal Pradesh. He is survived by his wife and a son. Sepoy Sharma hailed from Talasi Khurd village of Himachal Pradesh and is survived by his mother.

Ukraine war has left nations with rising debts: Shringla

India will make every effort to ensure global 'peace and stability', says Chief Coordinator of G-20 summit; adds that it will focus on the 'substance, not the symbolism' of outcomes at the summit

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With the Ukraine conflict entering the second year, India will focus on the "substance, not the symbolism" of outcomes at the G-20 summit, Chief Coordinator Harsh Vardhan Shringla said on Wednesday.

In a possible indication that Russian President Vladimir Putin may skip the September summit, officials separately said they hoped Mr. Putin would visit India for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit, which is tentatively scheduled for June. Mr. Putin had missed the G-20 summits in Italy in 2021 and in Indonesia in 2022.

"I don't think the symbolism matters," said Mr. Shringla, former Foreign Secretary and former Ambassador to the U.S., speaking at the Indo-American Friendship Association, when asked about the difficulties of arranging a joint photo opportunity for all G-20 members. "What is important is that as a group, we strive towards achieving solutions that are much needed in the world today," he said, adding that it was too early to comment on the specific attendance of any leader.

Taking a hit: Many developing countries are facing the impact of higher import bills of food and fuel, said Harsh Shringla. FILE PHOTO

Global South Summit

Ahead of the virtual 'Global South Summit' that will be hosted by India on Thursday and Friday, Mr. Shringla said the Ukraine conflict had left the developing world with mounting debts, lower revenues and higher import bills, which would be an important subject on the agenda of the conference being organised as part of India's G-20 Presidency.

"Many of the developing countries today are facing the impact of higher import bills of food and fuel. At the same time, they are seeing lower revenues from decreasing international demand for goods and services, and lower remittances for many developing countries that rely on remittances, tourism, and so on for their income," he said.

India has invited 120 countries to the Global South Summit, which will begin on Thursday with an inaugural speech by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the "leaders session", followed by 10 online sessions of Finance Ministers, Environment Ministers and Foreign Ministers and others. Officials declined to give a list of which countries would participate in the sessions, and whether they included countries like China and Pakistan.

Peace our priority

In response to a question by *The Hindu* on whether Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky would be invited to address the G-20 later this year, Mr. Shringla said India would make every effort to ensure global "peace and stability" during its year as G-20 President.

"On Ukraine, the Prime Minister has said that this is not an era of war, that India believes in peace, and diplomacy and dialogue are the only way out. The Prime Minister also spoke to both President Putin and President Zelensky. As far as we are concerned, anything that we can do to ensure that there is an atmosphere under which we can take forward the larger agenda, which is peace and stability, that is our priority," he said.

Lakhimpur trial will take 5 years, judge informs SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The trial in the Lakhimpur Kheri killings will take at least five years to complete, the sessions judge hearing the case has told the Supreme Court.

A Bench led by Justice Surya Kant on Wednesday passed on the information to senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for accused Ashish Mishra, and advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the victims.

Mr. Mishra, the son of a Union Minister, is accused of ordering his driver to mow down farmers participating in a rally at Lakhimpur Kheri in Uttar Pradesh against the controversial farm laws in October 2021. He has sought bail, saying he cannot be kept in custody throughout the entire period of the trial.

On December 12, 2022 the Bench directed the sessions judge to file a report giving approximate time for completion of trial.

"The judge's report says it will take at least five years. There are 200 witnesses, 171 documents, 27 forensic science laboratory reports," Justice Kant said in court on Wednesday.

Fund crunch may lead to scrapping of key border road project: Mizoram

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Mizoram government has written to the Centre that a strategic road project, planned as a counter to a Chinese government-funded double-lane road in neighbouring Myanmar, which runs parallel to the State, faces cancellation as the funds have lapsed.

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) that was awarded the contract "has not yet completed construction of even one metre" of the road in the past 26 months, following which Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga has written to the Centre that the project may be handed over to the State Public Works Department.

On January 10, K. Vanlalvena, Rajya Sabha member from Mizoram, wrote to Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane that the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) was planning to withdraw the sanction to the project as the time given for completion of work had lapsed.

The BRO has not yet completed construction of even one metre of the road, said the Mizoram government. REPRESENTATIVE PHOTO

"Even after the passage of 26 months since the work was sanctioned, the BRO has not yet completed even one metre of this said road and since the time given for completion of this work has lapsed, the Ministry is planning to withdraw this sanction," the MP said.

The Ministry of DoNER, through the North Eastern Council (NEC), had sanctioned ₹66 crore for construction of Sangau to Saisih Chhuah double lane border road linking Myanmar and Mizoram. The DoNER had awarded the contract to the BRO more than two years ago. "It may be mentioned here that the Myanmar government had already completed construction of a double lane road on the Myanmar side up to the Mizoram border at Saisih Chhuah from the capital of Chin state Hakha, Myanmar three years ago with financial sanction by the Government of China," the letter to Defence Secretary said.

The letter sought disciplinary action against BRO officials responsible for the lapse as "this border road is not only very important for the Mizoram tribal people but also vital in the interest of national security."

The Rajya Sabha member told *The Hindu* that after Myanmar built the road with the help of the Chinese government, all kinds of vehicles could reach right up to the Mizoram border.

Will not try curative plea in Bhopal gas leak case like a suit, says SC

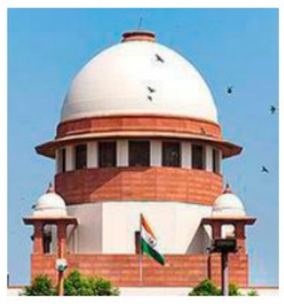
Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court on Wednesday made it clear to the government that it will not "try" the curative petition of the Centre like a suit, by re-opening a $470-million compensation settlement finalised with the Union Carbide Corporation (UCC) over 30 years ago in the Bhopal gas leak tragedy case.

"The court cannot act like a knight in shining armour granting panacea for all. We are bound by the constraints of law. Of course, we have some leeway, but you [government] cannot say we should try your curative petition like an original suit... Certainly, we will not do it," Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, heading the five-judge Bench, told Attorney-General R. Venkataramani. The court was hearing the government's curative plea, filed in 2010, for enhancement of compensation. The Centre wants the UCC to pay it. The company has said it would not pay a "farthing" more if the settlement reached with the government in 1989 was set aside.

Rare remedy

Curative jurisdiction is a rare remedy evolved by a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in 2002 in the *Ashok Hurra versus Rupa Hurra* case. A party can take only two limited grounds in a curative petition – one, that he or she was not given an opportunity to be heard, and two, the judges were biased. A curative petition, which follows the dismissal of the review petition, is the last legal avenue open in the



Supreme Court. Mr. Venkataramani urged the court to consider the enormity of the tragedy, the human cost.

Mr. Venkataramani said the number of claimants among the victims had increased. The court had always "left open a considerable avenue for a re-look of the 1989 settlement" in all its past decisions in the Bhopal gas tragedy case.

"It is not that we are not sensitive. Nobody doubts the enormity of the tragedy. People suffered. But the government, in its wisdom, put a closure to it through a settlement. The government did not file a review... Now, can we keep opening some wounds periodically? Over 30 years down the line can we entertain your curative petition on ground of data the government places on record," Justice Kaul asked the top law officer.

Justice A.S. Oka, on the Bench, said if the government, as a welfare state, felt the victims were entitled to more, it should pay them.

"If they are entitled to more, please pay them. But what do we do in a curative petition... Look at the Hurra jurisdiction," Justice Oka pointed out.

Justice Kaul said a welfare state need not worry about liability if it wanted to act to protect the rights of the people.

Hold deradicalisation sessions in prisons to bring change in mindset, Centre tells States

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry has asked the State prison authorities to "conduct special deradicalisation sessions" in all prisons with the help of correctional and behavioural experts to "bring a change in the mindset of misguided criminals".

Though prison is a State subject, the Ministry asked the States to follow the Model Prison Manual, 2016 to bring uniformity in the basic principles governing the prisons of the country.

Several follow-up

Despite constant follow-up, "several States are yet to confirm the status of adoption of the Model Prison Manual 2016 in their jurisdictions. The States and Union Territories who have not adopted the Model Prison Manual so far are again requested to expedite the same and take necessary steps for adopting it and bringing in the prison reforms in accordance with the guidelines provided in the Manual", the Ministry said in a letter dated January 9.

It asked the prison administration to ensure separation of various categories of prisoners

It asked the prison administration to ensure the separation of various categories of prisoners such as women, young offenders, under-trials, convicts, high-risk offenders, and so on and to lodge them in jail separately with a view to ensuring the safety and security of inmates. "In this regard, special attention needs to be paid by the prison administration in ensuring that inmates inclined towards propagating the ideology of radicalisation and those who have the propensity and potential to negatively influence other inmates are housed in separate enclosures away from other inmates," the letter said.

Drug offenders

The letter also added that inmates who were in custody for offences related to narcotics and smuggling of drugs, needed to be lodged separately, and to the extent possible not allowed to mix with other inmates.

It is with the intention of keeping others away "from the influence of such unscrupulous individuals", the Ministry said.

Office of Registrar-General of India following 'obsolete' criteria to define Scheduled Tribes

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

The Office of the Registrar-General of India (RGI) is following the set of criteria set out by the Lokur Committee nearly 60 years ago to define any new community as a Scheduled Tribe, *The Hindu* has learnt. Approval of the Office of the RGI is mandatory for the inclusion of any community on ST lists, as per the procedure for scheduling tribes.

In response to a query under the Right to Information Act, the Office of the RGI on Tuesday said, "For criteria, report of the Advisory Committee on the revision of the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Lokur Committee 1965) is consulted."

This comes even as the government, until December 2017, insisted in Parliament that it was considering a proposal to change the criteria for scheduling of new communities as STs based on the report of an internal task force, which called these criteria "obsolete", "condescending", "dogmatic", and "rigid".

Lokur panel

The criteria set out by the Lokur Committee for defining a community as a tribe are: indications of primitive traits, distinctive culture, geographical isolation, shyness of contact with the community at large, and backwardness.

The government task force on Scheduling of Tribes, constituted under the leadership of then Tribal Affairs Secretary Hrusikesh Panda in February 2014, had concluded that these criteria "may have become obsolete considering the process of transition and acculturation".

Nod of the Office of the RGI is needed for the inclusion of any community in ST lists

Further, it noted that terms like "primitive and the requirement of primitivity to be a characteristic of Scheduled Tribe indicates a condescending attitude by outsiders", adding, "What we consider primitive is not considered by the tribals themselves."

"Much of the mess" created in the classification and identification of tribes is because of this classical orientation that followed a "rigid and dogmatic approach", the task force said.

It also pointed out problems with the geographical isolation criterion, arguing that as infrastructure development continued across the country, "how can any community remain in isolation?"

Accordingly, the task force recommended changes to the criteria in May and based on this, the Tribal Affairs Ministry in June 2014 prepared a draft Cabinet note to overhaul the criteria and procedure for scheduling of new communities as STs. This was done within a month of the first Cabinet led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi taking oath.

Proposed criteria

The proposed criteria under the government's consideration included "socio-economic, including educational, backwardness, vis-a-vis, the rest of the population of the State; historical geographical isolation which may or may not exist today; distinct language/dialect; presence of a core culture relating to life-cycle, marriage, songs, dance, paintings, folklore; endogamy, or in case of exogamy, marital relationship primarily with other STs (This criterion is for scheduling of a community as ST and not for determining ST status of an individual)".

The draft Cabinet note also proposed, "Communities which have adopted a 'Hindu' way of life will not be ineligible merely on this ground." It further recommended considering the population of the new community in relation to the existing ST population of the State, adding that all these criteria had to be looked at holistically and none should take precedence over another.

Now, with the Office of the RGI saying it continues to follow the criteria set out by the Lokur Committee in 1965, the fate of the proposal to change the criteria hangs in the balance.

Governors are being used as BJP workers, says Congress chief

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

They are being manipulated by their Delhi masters to create political unrest, he says

Accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of denigrating the office of Governors by using them as *karyakartas* (workers) of the party in States ruled by its rivals, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday said it amounted to an assault on democracy.

Mr. Kharge made the comment in a tweet, days after the Tamil Nadu Assembly witnessed dramatic scenes, with Governor R.N. Ravi walking out of the Assembly even before the National Anthem was played.

The face-off happened on Monday after the Governor skipped portions of the address that was prepared and approved by the State Cabinet, including references to Dravidian stalwarts like E.V. Ramasamy 'Periyar' and C.N. Annadurai, B.R. Ambedkar and the Dravidian model of governance.

In the presence of the Governor, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin moved a resolution to expunge the deviations made by Mr. Ravi and only take the prepared speech for the records of the Assembly. This prompted the Governor to walk out even before the National Anthem was played.

"BJP's deliberate design to denigrate the Constitutional office of Governors by using them as *karyakartas*, in States ruled by Opposition is an assault on democracy. Brazen overstepping of the Constitution by a few Governors recently, has sullied the federal structure of our polity," Mr. Kharge said in a tweet.

His tweet did not have any reference to the Tamil Nadu episode. He said the Governors should function within the framework of the Constitution and could not insult the legislature of which they were a part of. But they were being manipulated by their Delhi masters to create social and political unrest.

21 Opposition parties invited to Bharat Jodo Yatra's finale

Kharge urges them to join function in Srinagar on January 30; parties such as JD(U), DMK and Trinamool are invitees; AAP not on the list but sources do not rule out an invitation to it

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday extended an invitation to 21 Opposition parties to join the function to mark the conclusion of the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

The yatra, after covering a distance of more than 3,500 km, ends in Srinagar on January 30.

The list of invitees includes the Trinamool Congress which has consistently questioned the Congress' place as the lead Opposition party.

The Aam Aadmi Party, which recently defeated the Congress in the Punjab Assembly election, does not figure in the list. However, sources did not rule out an invitation to the party. All the Congress allies– the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, the Rashtriya Janata Dal, the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha and the Nationalist Congress Party – are part of the list.

The Janata Dal(U), an erstwhile ally of the BJP, is also invited. The Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) have been invited, though both the parties had declined an earlier invitation to join the Uttar Pradesh leg of the yatra.

Forging ahead: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi walking with supporters as the Bharat Jodo Yatra passes through Fatehgarh Sahib in Punjab on Wednesday. PTI

Mr. Kharge said that writing to party presidents had emerged as a "powerful voice" at a time of crisis in the country when public attention was systematically diverted from people's issues. The yatra, he said, had a simple and enduring message of harmony and equality.

"Today, India faces an economic, social and political crisis. At this time, when the Opposition's voice is being suppressed in Parliament and the media, the yatra is connecting directly with lakhs of people," the Congress president wrote. Mr. Kharge urged the presidents of the parties to join the concluding function that also coincided with Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary.

"At this event, we will commit ourselves to fighting hatred and violence, to spread the message of truth, compassion and non-violence and to defend the Constitutional values of liberty, equality, fraternity and justice for all," the Congress leader wrote.

The yatra entered Punjab on Wednesday.

INBRIEF

Talks under way for alliance with Cong. in Tripura: Yechury

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury has said that the upcoming Assembly election in Tripura is important 'to save democracy' in the State. The party is working on forging a coalition with democratic and secular parties to oust the ruling BJP, said Mr. Yechury, who, along with party leader Prakash Karat, attended a meeting of the CPI(M) State Committee on Tuesday. Addressing a press conference in Agartala on Wednesday, he said, without elaborating, that discussions with parties such as the Congress and TIPRA were under way to reach an electoral arrangement with them.

Modi invites Israeli PM to visit India 'at an early date'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday had a telephone conversation with the newly elected Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and invited him to visit India "at an early date". "Prime Minister conveyed his warm congratulations to H.E. Mr. Netanyahu for his election as the Prime Minister of Israel for a sixth time and wished him a very successful tenure," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement. Mr. Netanyahu paid a six-day visit to India in January 2018, when he was welcomed by Mr. Modi at the airport in New Delhi. The Israeli Prime Minister was accompanied by a 130-member business delegation.

Lakshadweep MP gets 10-year RI in attempt-to-murder case

The Kavarathi Sessions Court on Wednesday sentenced four persons, including Lakshadweep MP Mohammed Faizal, to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment on an attempt-to-murder charge in what the prosecution claimed to be a politically motivated assault during the Lok Sabha election in 2009. Mr. Faizal has been remanded in the Kannur Central Jail. Mr. Faizal runs the risk of being automatically disqualified as a people's representative as per a Supreme Court verdict. According to the prosecution, the accused unlawfully assembled and assaulted one Mohammed Salih of the Congress due to political rivalry. The accused belongs to the Nationalist Congress Party.

AIUDF chief is mouthpiece of BJP: Jairam Ramesh

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Wednesday said that Maulana Badruddin Ajmal, All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF) chief, was working for the BJP and was a mouthpiece of the party.

"Ajmal has made the most unacceptable and totally bogus remarks against the Congress leadership in Assam," he said.

The statement was in response to a claim by Mr. Ajmal that he shares a close relationship with top Congress leaders and has access to meetings where even the Assam Congress chief Bhupen Kumar Borah was not allowed.

Many favour fixing minimum number of days for functioning of House: Birla

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
JAIPUR

A majority of presiding officers of Legislative Assemblies and Councils are in favour of fixing a minimum number of days when their respective Houses should function in order to avoid unnecessary disruptions which are sometimes "planned", Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Wednesday.

"Sittings are being reduced constantly. If we want to strengthen democracy, then we have to let public representatives speak on issues concerning people," Mr. Birla said on the sidelines of the 83rd All India Presiding Officers Conference here.

The Speaker said protesting and raising issues was a fundamental right of public representatives, but sometimes the House was being disrupted in a planned manner.

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar with Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot at the conference. PTI

Numerous meetings

"You can walk out. There can be small adjournments. But not letting the House function for the entire day is not correct. This will not help democracy function," he said.

Mr. Birla said this issue had been discussed numerous times in meetings of presiding officers and many felt that the number of sittings should be fixed at 60 days a year for Houses which have more than 200 members. This can also be brought about by a Constitution amendment, if needed.

A single platform for all legislatures was one of the other things that everybody was on board with, he said.

The single digital *Sansad* platform would enable easy exchange of information in legislative bodies across the nation. This would also increase the efficiency and quality of communication between the legislators and the public, Mr. Birla said.

The conference, one of the largest gatherings of presiding officers of the country's legislative bodies, was inaugurated by Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar.

Modi pitches for M.P. at investor meet

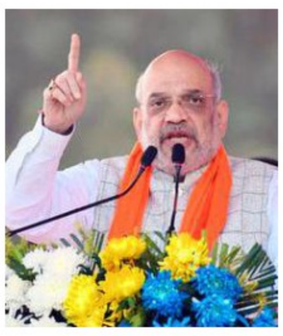
The Hindu Bureau
INDORE

Making a pitch for Madhya Pradesh on Wednesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi rephrased a campaign catchline to describe the State as "*Ajab*, *Ghazab* and *Sajag* (astonishing and alert)".

He welcomed prospective investors gathered on the inaugural day of the Global Investors' Summit.

'Armed revolutionaries didn't get recognised for Independence struggle'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI



Amit Shah

India's Independence was the result of a wide range of efforts by different streams of ideologies, including groups which advocated armed revolution, but all of them have not been given due recognition in the writing of the history of the country, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Wednesday.

He was speaking at the launch of the book *Revolutionaries: The other story of how India won its freedom* by Sanjeev Sanyal, a member of the Economy Advisory Council to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"I believe this and I can even prove this, that if it weren't for the parallel stream of the armed movement it would have taken a few more decades to attain Independence," he said.

The book tells the stories of leaders such as Bhagat Singh, Chandra Shekhar Azad, Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, Aurobindo Ghosh, Rashbehari Bose, Bagha Jatin, Sachindra Nath Sanyal and Subhas Chandra Bose.

He said that only one type of narrative of non-violent movement had been "forced through education, history and legends".

"I do not say that non-violent movement had no contribution in India's freedom, or it is not a part of the history. The non-violent movement played a great part, it had major contribution to Independence. But it is not correct to say that nobody else had any contribution," he said.

Joshimath families will get interim relief of ₹1.5 lakh each: Dhami

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

'No demolition action is being taken on the houses. The hotels are being dismantled as they pose threat to nearby buildings'

The Uttarakhand government will pay an interim relief of ₹45 crore, amounting to ₹1.5 lakh for each of the 3,000 families living in Joshimath, the Himalayan pilgrim town where land is sinking, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said on Wednesday.

He stayed in the town overnight and spoke to the residents, who have seen cracks in their houses and roads in recent days.

Speaking to residents, Mr. Dhami said a section of people felt that development in Joshimath and Uttarakhand was happening at a pace that was too rapid. Hence the government would try to put in some checks and balances to ensure that the economy and ecological concerns go hand in hand, he said.

"We are set to witness an international winter games tournament in Auli next month. Even the Char Dham yatra will start in April. The kind of sentiment being created across the world is that entire Uttarakhand is in danger. This is not right," he said.

Assurance to residents

He urged residents not to heed rumours of houses being demolished in the affected areas. "No demolition action is being taken on the houses. The hotels [marked unsafe] are being dismantled as they pose threat to nearby buildings," Mr. Dhami said.

He said the government would take suggestions from the people of Joshimath for rehabilitation. "We will rehabilitate the people in a way that will become an example in the country," he said.

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INBRIEF

Delhi court rejects bail plea of accused in Air India incident

Delhi's Patiala House court on Wednesday denied bail to Shankar Mishra, who is accused of urinating on an elderly woman on a New York-Delhi Air India flight in November 2022 in an inebriated state. Metropolitan Magistrate Komal Garg termed the act "utterly disgusting" while denying bail to Mr. Mishra. His counsel told the court that intent to outrage the modesty of a woman was absent in the actions of the accused. During the hearing, the investigating officer said that the woman had opposed the bail and that the offence was "serious in nature".

SC lists plea against Bihar caste survey for January 20

The Supreme Court on Wednesday agreed to list a petition challenging the ongoing caste survey in Bihar on January 20. Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud heard a mentioning for urgent hearing of the petition. The lawyer argued that a caste survey came under the Central List of the Constitution and a State did not have the authority to do it. "These are questions on merits... let the case come up next Friday," the CJI said. Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav had termed the caste survey a "historic step" to identify the most backward sections of society through collection of scientific data and to ensure that welfare measures reached them.

Violence erupts in Buxar after police beat up protesters

At least a dozen vehicles, including some belonging to the police and fire tenders, were set ablaze on Wednesday by agitating farmers in Bihar's Buxar district. They have been protesting against land acquisition by a power plant. Ten policemen and six farmers were injured in the clash. Earlier, a video had gone viral on social media in which policemen were seen barging into the homes of some protesting farmers and severely beating them along with their family members around midnight on January 10. The farmers have been agitating for over two months, demanding better rates for their land being acquired by the Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam.

Senior IAS officer, ex-RJD MLA booked on rape charges

A senior IAS officer and a former Rashtriya Janata Dal MLA from Bihar's Jhanjharpur have been booked allegedly for rape on a complaint by a woman who is a lawyer in Allahabad High Court. The woman has also claimed that the IAS officer is the biological father of her child born in December 2018. The FIR against 1997-batch IAS officer Sanjeev Hans and former RJD MLA Gulab Yadav has been registered by the Rupaspur police station. The FIR said that the former RJD MLA lured the woman with the promise to make her a member of the Bihar Women's Commission and allegedly raped her at his residence in 2016. According to the FIR, the IAS officer too joined in the alleged abuse at different hotels later.

RRR's *Naatu Naatu* is first Asian song to win Golden Globe

Music composer Keeravani hits high note, credits his cousin and director, S.S. Rajamouli, for his vision and reposing constant trust in his work

Sangeetha Devi Dundoo
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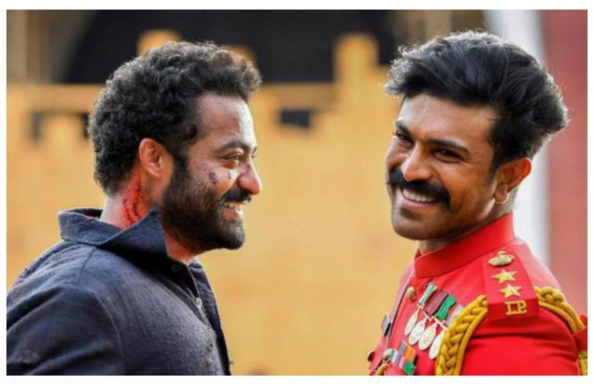

Global craze: The foot-tapping number featuring NTR Jr. and Ram Charan has been a hit from day one. PTI

Hyderabad-based music composer M.M. Keeravani accepting the award for Best Original Song for S.S. Rajamouli-directed Telugu film *RRR* at the 80th Golden Globe Awards was a celebratory moment to wake up to on Wednesday.

Naatu Naatu and *RRR* had been nominated for Best Original Song and Best Picture non-English language, respectively. With the win, *Naatu Naatu* became the first Asian song to get the coveted award.

The film starring NTR Jr., Ram Charan, Alia Bhatt and Ajay Devgn had steadily become a rage in the U.S. over the past few months.

Dance party

A day before the Golden Globes 2023, the special screening of *RRR* at the Chinese Theatre, Los Angeles, turned into an impromptu dance party when the audiences began dancing in the aisles to *Naatu Naatu*.

Many Telugu film buffs who have been tracking the journey of *RRR's* overseas reception drew comparisons to the jubilant mood one witnessed in the theatres on RTC Cross Roads, Hyderabad, while watching big masala entertainers.

Acceptance speech

At the high-profile awards night at Beverly Hills, Keeravani opened his acceptance speech by thanking his wife Srivalli for her support. He then credited his cousin and director Rajamouli for his vision and his constant trust in his work.

Keeravani made it a point to mention the actors and technicians who made *Naatu Naatu* a phenomenon – choreographer Prem Rakshith, lyricist Chandrabose, singers Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava for their high energy vocals, NTR and Ram Charan for dancing with all their stamina, Kaala Bhairava for the music arrangement and music programmers S. Siddharth and Jeevan Babu.

"Music truly knows no boundaries," said Rajamouli, while thanking his *peddanna* (elder brother) for giving him the song. "This one is special. I thank each and every fan across the globe for shaking a leg and making the song popular ever since its release."

Under Keeravani's baton, music flows mellifluously breaking language barriers

Sangeetha Devi Dundoo
HYDERABAD

Magical moment: M.M. Keeravani accepting the Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song for "Naatu Naatu" from *RRR*. NBC/AP

The world has been listening and dancing to the *Naatu Naatu* song from the *RRR* movie in the past few months and the win for best original song at the Golden Globes, 2023 has put the spotlight on music composer M.M. Keeravani. Known as M.M. Kreem to Hindi film music lovers and Maragathamani to Tamil listeners, Keeravani has his strongest collaboration with his cousin and director S.S. Rajamouli.

Their partnership for Telugu cinema began with Rajamouli's debut feature film *Student No.1* (2001), which starred NTR Jr. Keeravani's steady collaboration with Rajamouli resulted in chartbuster albums for several films such as *Magadheera*, *Eega*, *Baahubali* and *RRR*. Much before this collaboration, it was Ram Gopal Varma's 1991 film *Kshana Kshanam* that made Keeravani a popular name in Telugu cinema.

Keeravani's biggest asset is the ability to understand, and compose to suit, the requirements of film music in different languages. *Tu mile, dil khiley* was a haunting song with which Keeravani introduced his music to the Hindi audience through the Mahesh Bhat-directed film *Criminal* (1994). Keeravani went on to compose for *Is Raat ko Subah Nahin*, *Sur – the melody of life*, *Zakhm*, *Saaya*, *Jism*, *Special 26*, *Rog* and *Paheli* in Hindi.

Different strokes

These compositions were markedly different from his discography for Telugu cinema blockbusters. His classically rooted compositions for *Annamayya*, the Telugu film inspired by the life of saint poet Annamayya, fetched him the national award for best music director.

In the 1990s, Tamil cinema got familiar with Keeravani as Maragathamani. *Sangeetha swarangal* from K. Balachander's *Azhagan* became an earworm. The composer then worked with Balachander for his directorial project *Vaa name Ellai* as well as his production *Nee Paathi Naan Paathi*.

The immediate families of Keeravani and Rajamouli have an important role to play in their success.

Film circles in Hyderabad are replete with heartwarming stories of how Rajamouli, Keeravani and their families banded together to take on the mammoth task of executing *Baahubali – the Beginning* and *Baahubali – the Conclusion*.

While Rama Rajamouli took on the responsibility of coordinating the costumes along with associate Prashanti Tipirneni for the massive cast, Keeravani's wife Srivalli turned line producer. When Keeravani opened his Golden Globe Awards acceptance speech by thanking his wife, it was a fitting tribute to her.

HC allows production and sale of J&J baby powder

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

In a big relief to Johnson & Johnson, the Bombay High Court on Wednesday quashed and set aside the order by the Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that restrained the company from producing and selling its baby powder.

A Division Bench, in its order on a plea by Johnson & Johnson, allowed the sale of the baby powder, stating, "There were altogether 11-12 results. Of these 2 are non-compliant. All others are within range. Is it either reasonable or proportionate on such a result that the product should be shut down in perpetuity, and manufacture of all other batches also?"

FCI scam: CBI searches 50 locations across three States, arrests official

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Under the scanner: A nexus between officials of the Food Corporation of India and grain merchants has been alleged. PTI

The Central Bureau of Investigation on Wednesday searched more than 50 locations in Punjab, Haryana and Delhi following the registration of a case against 74 persons, including 34 serving and three retired Food Corporation of India (FCI) officials, and 20 rice mills. The agency has alleged massive corruption in the procurement of foodgrains.

"The accused officials range from a technical assistant and managers to an Executive Director named Sudeep Singh, who is posted in Delhi," a CBI official said. The searches were carried out in Ludhiana, Patiala, Mohali, Ropar and Sangrur in Punjab, Ambala in Haryana, Chandigarh and on the premises of Mr. Singh in Delhi.

The CBI arrested an FCI Deputy General Manager, Rajiv Kumar Mishra, for allegedly receiving ₹50,000 as bribe from Ravinder Singh Khera, the proprietor of a rice and agro product company.

The official said that during the searches, the agency had so far seized about ₹80 lakh in cash and jewellery from different locations, including the premises of the accused Executive Director, Manager (laboratory) Satish Verma, technical assistant Nishant Barria and assistant Manpreet Singh, besides Navneet Kaur and Navpreet Kaur. It found ₹15 lakh in cash concealed inside a washing machine at the residence of a technical assistant.

The operation codenamed "Kanak" was launched to identify the corrupt FCI officials, mill owners, grain merchants, middlemen and warehouse operators, who were suspected to be part of a large network that had been indulging in malpractices such as the supply of substandard grains and the registration of inflated quantities of procurements. A surveillance in this connection was mounted.

The agency is also looking into the role of several Punjab officials who were operating "benami" food supply depots.

3 multi-State societies to be formed to procure seeds

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet has approved the setting up of three national-level multi-State cooperative societies to act as an apex body for procurement, processing, marketing and distribution of seeds.

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said on Wednesday that the societies would help the "protection of indigenous natural seeds which are becoming extinct".

In a statement, the Cooperation Ministry said production of quality seeds would reduce the dependence on imported seeds. The societies would ensure the role of farmers in quality seed cultivation, the Ministry added.

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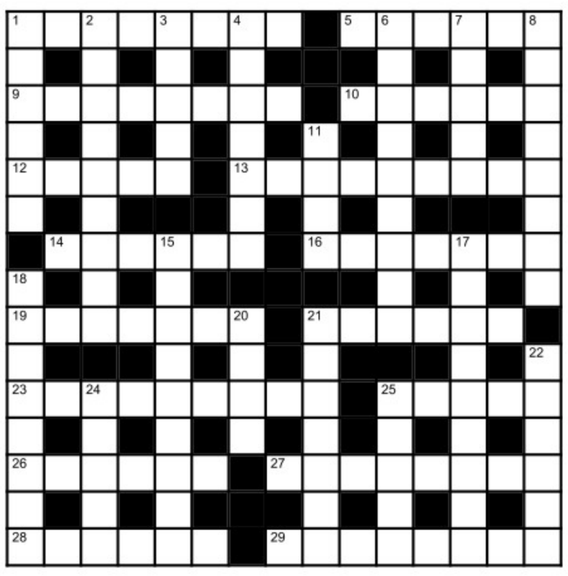

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16 Former lover caught holding money that is obsolete (7)
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23 Expensive Indian tea? Third serving on a child's eating place (4-5)
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FAITH

An indefatigable composer

From 1941, when the Tyagabrahma Aradhana Mahotsava Sabha began organising the annual festival of Tyagaraja in Tiruvaiyaru in a grand manner, lakhs of devotees converge on the town in Thanjavur district to experience the vibrant music and inhale the air breathed by the saint composer. Born on May 4, 1767, Tyagaraja showed no inclination towards worldly goods and pleasures. Instead led an austere life, meditating, thinking and uttering Rama namam as a way of life, convinced it was the only way to reach His feet. A number of distinguished writers have interpreted his life, music and traced his musical journey dedicated to thinking and serving God, said E. Sindhuja in a musical discourse.

One can say there were two Tyagarajas: the Rama bhakta, to whom nothing else mattered except thinking of Him and reliving his avatar. The other Tyagaraja was the highly talented musicologist and composer (on Rama), whose musical renderings became famous all over India in his lifetime. And Tyagaraja, in utter simplicity and devotion, sang, "*Dasarathe ni runamu*". Tyagaraja, who was tasked to recite Rama Namam 96 crore times by Ramakrishna Yatindra from Kanchipuram, was known to sit and chant the name every afternoon. During this phase, he was blessed to have had a vision of Rama multiple times.

As a human being, Tyagaraja was devoid of jealousy and encouraged all musicians. He was harsh only when he was asked to sing paeans of the king. "*Nidhi chala sugama*," he retorted. An indefatigable composer, he knew his end was nearing 10 days prior to the hour and prepared accordingly for his siddhi.

MUBENDE

Uganda declares end to Ebola outbreak which claimed 55 lives

AP

Uganda on Wednesday declared an end to an Ebola virus outbreak that emerged almost four months ago and claimed the lives of 55 people. The move was confirmed in a statement issued by the WHO, whose chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus hailed the East African country's "robust and comprehensive response". AFP

MOSCOW

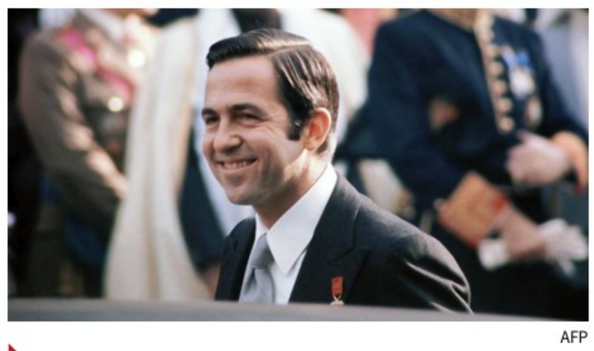
Russia to send rescue capsule on Feb. 20 to rescue crew from ISS

AP

Russia said on Wednesday it would send a rescue capsule on February 20 for three crew of the International Space Station, after a meteorite damaged the spacecraft that was due to return them to Earth. "The Soyuz MS-23 launch is on February 20, 2023 in an unmanned mode," Russia's space agency Roscosmos said. AFP

ATHENS

Constantine, Greece's former king, to be buried as a private citizen



AFP

Constantine, the former and last king of Greece, will be buried as a private citizen in Tatoi, the government said on Wednesday. A controversial figure in Greek history, Constantine died in hospital late on Tuesday night at the age of 82. Constantine spent decades in exile before settling in his home country in his waning years. AP

SYDNEY

Cardinal George Pell, divisive Church leader, dies aged 81

AFP

Cardinal George Pell, a giant of the Catholic Church who was convicted and later cleared of sexual abuse in Australia, has died in Rome aged 81, a church official confirmed on Wednesday. From humble beginnings in regional Australia, Pell had climbed the ranks to become one of Pope Francis's most trusted advisers. AFP

U.K., Japan ink defence pact allowing troop deployments

The deal will allow 'both forces to plan and deliver larger scale, more complex military exercises and deployments'; U.K. calls it the most significant treaty between the countries since 1902

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Symbiotic growth: Fumio Kishida (left) with Rishi Sunak prior to a bilateral meeting at the Tower of London on Wednesday. AFP

The U.K. and Japan, on Wednesday, signed a defence pact, which will permit the deployment of troops in each other's countries and increase security cooperation. The move comes as Britain is undertaking a 'tilt' towards the Indo-Pacific in its foreign and security policy.

"The Reciprocal Access Agreement is hugely significant for both our nations – it cements our commitment to the Indo-Pacific and underlines our joint efforts to bolster economic security, accelerate our defence cooperation and drive innovation that creates highly skilled jobs," British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said ahead of the signing ceremony, which took place at the Tower of London on Wednesday afternoon, during Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's visit to the capital.

Downing Street said the agreement would allow "both forces to plan and deliver larger scale, more complex military exercises and deployments" and called it the most significant treaty between the countries since 1902, when the Anglo-Japanese Treaty of Alliance was signed.

Wednesday's agreement, which was agreed in principle last May, will need to be approved by Westminster and Japan's Diet, before it can come into force. In December, Japan's F-X fighter jet program was merged with the UK and Italy's 'Tempest' program to create the Global Combat Air Programme.

The U.K. and Japan had also launched a digital partnership last month, to increase cooperation in semiconductors, cyber resilience and online safety.

Mr. Sunak and Mr. Kishida will also discuss trade, as per Downing Street - specifically Britain's accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). The two sides will also hold talks on Japan's G7 presidency (ongoing), support for Ukraine and the supply chain resilience.

Bangladesh protesters demand PM's resignation

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Huge crowds swarmed the streets of Bangladesh's capital on Wednesday to demand Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's resignation and fresh elections, with public anger mounting over rising food and fuel costs.

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and other opposition allies staged rallies in Dhaka and nine other cities – the latest of several demonstrations in recent months that have occasionally been quelled by police violence.

The Bangladeshi taka has depreciated by up to 25%, driving up the cost of food imports and making life harder for the country's poorest citizens.

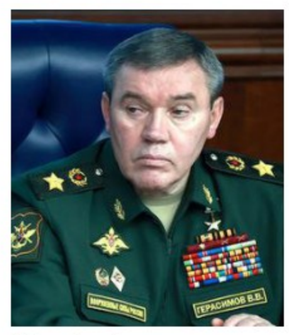
Valery Gerasimov to head Russia's Ukraine operation

Reuters

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu appointed Chief of the General Staff Valery Gerasimov on Wednesday to oversee the military campaign in Ukraine, in the latest shake-up of Moscow's military leadership.

Mr. Gerasimov, like Mr. Shoigu, has faced sharp criticism from Russia's hawkish military bloggers for multiple setbacks on the battlefield and Moscow's failure to secure victory in a campaign the Kremlin had expected to take just a short time.

In a statement, the defence ministry said Mr. Shoigu had appointed Mr. Gerasimov as commander of the combined forces group for the "special military operation" in Ukraine.



Valery Gerasimov

It is the most senior position among Russia's battlefield generals.

Only last October, Russia had put Sergey Surovikin, nicknamed "General Armageddon" by the Russian media for his reputed ruthlessness, in overall charge of Ukraine operations following a series of counter-offensives by Ukrainian forces that turned the tide of the conflict.

Mr. Surovikin will now stay on as a deputy of Mr. Gerasimov, the defence ministry said.

The changes are designed to increase the effectiveness of military operations in Ukraine, it said, more than 10 months into a campaign in which tens of thousands of soldiers on both sides as well as Ukrainian civilians have been killed.

Meanwhile, the fate of Soledar in east Ukraine was unclear on Wednesday, with Russian mercenary group Wagner claiming to control the gateway town while the Kremlin cautioned against declaring victory prematurely.

However, The Russian Defence Ministry said the fighting was ongoing and Kyiv denied any Russian takeover.

Peru President being probed after dozens killed in protests

Agence France-Presse
PUNO

Peru's prosecutor's office on Tuesday said it was opening an inquiry against President Dina Boluarte and others for their role in the repression of anti-government protests that have seen at least 40 killed since December.

The government announced a curfew on Tuesday in the southern Puno region in a bid to suppress the violent protests, a day after 18 people were killed there in clashes between demonstrators and security forces. The inquiry is into whether the alleged crimes of "genocide, aggravated homicide and serious injuries" took place during anti-government demonstrations in the Apurimac, La Libertad, Puno, Junin, Arequipa and Ayacucho regions.

Inquiry on into the alleged 'genocide, aggravated homicide and serious injuries'

The government has defended the actions of security forces, claiming they faced an organized attempted "coup".

But UN Human Rights Office spokesperson Marta Hurtado called on authorities "to carry out impartial and effective investigations into the deaths.

U.S. border plan risks undermining basic human rights: UN

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

The UN rights chief warned on Wednesday that a new U.S. border enforcement plan risks undermining the basic foundations of international human rights and refugee law.

"The right to seek asylum is a human right, no matter a person's origin, immigration status, nor how they arrived at an international border," the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk said.

Last week, U.S. President Joe Biden announced a new plan to expand a controversial rule called Title 42, making it possible to immediately turn away more people showing up at the border without clearance. The plan permits the fast-track expulsion to Mexico of some 30,000 Venezuelans, Haitians, Cubans and Nicaraguans each month.

"These measures appear to be at variance with the prohibition of collective expulsion and the principle of non-refoulement," Mr. Turk warned.

The international principle of non-refoulement guarantees that no one should be returned to a country where they would face torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Fabelmans, Banshees win top awards as Hollywood re-embraces Golden Globes

Reuters
BEVERLY HILLS

The Fabelmans, Steven Spielberg's movie inspired by his teen years, and dark comedy *The Banshees of Inisherin* landed the top movie awards at the Golden Globes on Tuesday as Hollywood returned to a show that had been knocked off television by scandal.

The Fabelmans was named best movie drama at the star-studded ceremony in Beverly Hills. *Banshees of Inisherin*, the story of feuding friends on an Irish island, won best movie musical or comedy.

Steven Spielberg poses with his awards for *The Fabelmans*.

The honours are likely to give both movies a boost on the road to the Academy Awards in March. Mr. Spielberg, who also won best director, based *The Fabelmans* on his real life as a teenager dealing with his parents' marital struggles and anti-Semitism.

Celebrities and broadcaster NBC had abandoned the 2022 Globes because of ethical wrongdoings at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA), the group that hands out the awards.

The future of the Globes was thrown into doubt after a 2021 *Los Angeles Times* investigation revealed the organisation had no Black journalists in its ranks. Some members were accused of making sexist and racist remarks and soliciting favours from celebrities and movie studios.

A larger, more diverse membership and other changes by the HFPA persuaded many of the biggest movie and TV stars to support this year's ceremony, which often provides publicity for winners' and nominees' and often boosts their chances at the Oscars.

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Notice is hereby given to the Public that **Original Sale Deed** dated 31.03.2017 registered as document No.13191/2016-17 of Book-I & CD.No.BSKD397 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Banashankari Bangalore in respect of Flat No.A-202 has been lost. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said Sale Deed. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within **7 days** from this present.
Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-560078. M : 9916343921

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our Client **(a) Mr.Arun Panneerselvam S/o.Mr.B.Panneerselvam,** No.B-502, Orchid Woods Apts, kothanur, Bangalore-560077 is intending to purchase the Item No.1 of Schedule Property, **(b) Mr.Rajkumar Satchithananda Pandian S/o. Mr.Satchithananda Pandian,** No.A-1302, Orchid Woods Apts, Kothanur, Bangalore-560077 is intending to purchase the Item No.2 of Schedule Property and **(c) Mr.Dheepan Swaminathan S/o.Mr.Swaminathan** and His **Wife Mrs.Suganya** No.230 D Block, Sai Sumukha Apts, Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560024 are intending to purchase the Item No.3 of Schedule Property from **Sri.K.Ashoka Reddy S/o.Krishna Reddy,** his **Wife and Daughter Smt.M.C.Vidhya and A.Tanushree** Rep by GPA Holder Mr.Nagesh B.A S/o.,Late.Sri.Anjinappa. Any person/s objecting for said Purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ITEM No.1
All that piece And parcel of Immovable Property being D.C. Converted Residential Site bearing **No.48,** carved out of New Sy No.82 (Old Sy.No.27/1), Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agriculture Residential Purpose Vide Official Memorandum No: BDS.ALN (E) S.R (KH) 142/09-10, Dated 10/03/2010, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Situated at **Kyalasanahalli Village, K.R.Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** BBMP Ward No.25, Bangalore, measuring East to West:30 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet, totally measuring 1200 Square Feet, and bounded on the **East By-Site No.45,West By- Road, North By-Site No.47 & South By- Site No.49**
ITEM No.2
All that piece And parcel of Immovable Property being D.C. Converted Residential Site bearing **No.42,** carved out of New Sy No.82 (Old Sy.No.27/1), Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agriculture Residential Purpose Vide Official Memorandum No: BDS.ALN (E) S.R (KH) 142/09-10, Dated 10/03/2010, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Situated at **Kyalasanahalli Village, K.R.Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** BBMP Ward No.25, Bangalore, measuring East to West:50 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, totally measuring 1500 Square Feet, and bounded on the **East By-Road, West By- Site No.51, North By-Site No.43 & South By- Site No.41**
ITEM No.3
All that piece And parcel of Immovable Property being D.C. Converted Residential Site bearing **No.44,** carved out of New Sy No.82 (Old Sy.No.27/1), Converted from Agriculture to Non-Agriculture Residential Purpose Vide Official Memorandum No: BDS.ALN (E) S.R (KH) 142/09-10, Dated 10/03/2010, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Situated at **Kyalasanahalli Village, K.R.Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** BBMP Ward No.25, Bangalore, measuring East to West:50 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, totally measuring 1500 Square Feet, and bounded on the : **East By-Road, West By- Site No.49, North By-Site No.45 & South By- Site No.43**
C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M : 9845846428, 9886028681, 9916069710, 9500404088

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given on behalf of my client, **SMT. T. R JANAKAMMA** with respect to the **Original Sale Deed dated 21.04.2010 bearing doc no. DSP-1-000318/2010-11, executed between Sri. L.G Venkatesh and Smt. T.R Janakamma, registered at Sub-Registrar, Dasanapura, Rajajinagar District,** which has been misplaced and not traceable. **The lost report of the same has been lodged at the JJ Nagar Police Station, Bengaluru on 26.12.2022 vide report no. 0425262/2022.**
If anybody is in possession of the original document relating to the above immovable property, you are hereby requested to contact the undersigned with the aforementioned lost article **within 15 days** from the date of this publication.
Schedule Property: All that piece and parcel of residential property **bearing Site no. 26, Khatha no. 94/3, Assessment No. 94/3 situated at Lakshmipura village, Dasanapura, Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring to an extent of 48 x 30 ft** and bounded as follows: **East by:** Property belonging to Rajanna and Ramanna, **West by :** 25 ft Road, **North by :** Site no.25 **South by :** Site no. 27.
Sd/-
ADVOCATE KEERTHANA B.P
No. 214, Sapthagiri Residency, Muthuraya Nagara, Jnanbharathi, Mysore Road, Bengaluru- 560059, Ph no: +91 9845257968
Email: Keerthanabp.advocate@gmail.com

IN THE COURT OF 28th ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 29)
O.S. No. 25622/2021
BETWEEN:
M/s THE SOUTH INDIAN BANK LTD
SIB Arcade, NO. 61, Wheelers Road, Cox Town, Bangalore-560001
and power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Jacob Issac Kunnil ....PLAINTIFF
V/s
Mr. Sathish K ....DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
Mr. Sathish K, S/o Mr. Krishnappa, Aged About 38 Years, No. 52, Doddaballapur Road, Heritage Apartment, Kenchenahalli, Bangalore-560064.
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 9,98,544.12** (Rupees Nine Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty Four and Paise Twelve Only) apart from future interest of 9.00% p.a., in O.S. No.25622/2021 and same is pending adjudication in CCH 29, Before Addl., City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **02 Day of March 2023 at 11 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **10th day of January 2023**
By Order of the Court
Sd/- Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru-560001.
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INBRIEF

FADA, Meta ally to connect auto dealers with consumers

Meta has entered into a strategic partnership with the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) to digitally enable auto dealers across the country to reach consumers. Meta platforms would enable auto dealers to build social presence through key products such as Stories, Reels, Business Messaging, Facebook and WhatsApp groups, the company said.

Indian start-ups received $24 bn funding in 2022: PwC

Start-ups in India received funding of $24 billion in calendar year 2022, a 33% decline in comparison with CY21, but still more than twice the funds raised in CY20 and CY19 each, according to PwC India. PwC's Startup Deals Tracker for 2022 found that early-stage funding grew by 12% compared with CY21, indicating that despite the global slowdown, investors were still optimistic about the Indian start-up ecosystem. Early-stage deals accounted for 60-62% of the total funding in CY22 in volume terms.

'Solar units of 30 GW may get equipment duty exemption'

India may exempt some solar projects from paying duties on equipment imports, according to government and industry sources, to bring renewable-energy capacity additions back on schedule and lower consumer power tariffs. Projects with 30 gigawatts of capacity will benefit, the sources said. In March 2021, the government announced 25% basic customs duties on solar photovoltaic cells and 40% on solar photovoltaic modules with effect from April 1, 2022 to block Chinese imports. REUTERS

Govt. nets 87% of direct tax goal, receipts hit ₹12 lakh cr.

Personal income tax revenue grew faster than net corporate taxes, rising 21.6% by January 10, compared with corporate tax inflows which climbed 18.3%, says the Union Finance Ministry

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's net direct tax collections stood at ₹12.31 lakh crore as on Tuesday, accounting for almost 87% of the target for 2022-23 and reflecting a 19.6% growth over the year-earlier period, the Finance Ministry said on Wednesday, asserting that tax revenues continued to register 'steady growth'.

The growth rate for the net direct tax kitty was only marginally lower than the 19.8% recorded by December 17, 2022, when a little more than ₹11.35 lakh crore had been collected.

Net Personal Income Tax revenue grew faster than net corporate taxes, rising 21.6% by January 10, compared with corporate tax inflows which grew 18.3%.

Combined with the Securities Transaction Tax, Personal Income Tax collections climbed 21%, the Ministry said.

'Refunds rise 59%'

"Refunds amounting to ₹2.40 lakh crore have been issued between April 1, 2022 and January 10, 2023, which are 58.7% higher than refunds issued during the same period in the preceding year," the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

Robust takings
Direct tax revenues reflect 19.6% growth over year-earlier period

- Growth only marginally lower than the 19.8% increase seen till December 17, 2022
- Refunds totalling ₹2.4 lakh crore issued till January 10, recording growth of 58.7%
- Finance Ministry says tax revenues continue to register steady growth

India growth to slow to 6.6% in FY24: World Bank

Reuters
MUMBAI

India's economic growth will slow to 6.6% in the next fiscal year from an expected 6.9% in the current year, the World Bank said in its latest economic update.

"The slowdown in the global economy and rising uncertainty will weigh on export and investment growth," the Bank said.

Increased infrastructure spending and "business facilitation measures" will, however, crowd-in private investment and support the expansion of manufacturing capacity, it added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	60,105	-0.01
US Dollar	81.61	0.15
Gold	56,126	-0.06
Brent oil	81.61	2.87

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3635.80	-11.10
Adani Ports	796.45	0.05
Apollo Hosp	4360.60	-106.05
Asian Paints	2940.40	-19.95
Axis Bank	949.75	-2.40
Bajaj Auto	3538.05	-36.15
Bajaj Finserv	1399.70	-13.60
Bajaj Finance	5895.75	-8.40
Bharti Airtel	765.55	-27.30
BPCL	352.50	5.15
Britannia Ind	4314.30	-12.55
Cipla	1047.60	-31.10
Coal India	213.40	-3.35
Divis Lab	3411.45	-90.40
Dr Reddys Lab	4261.90	-26.80
Eicher Motors	3137.25	-30.30
Grasim Ind	1635.05	-15.95
HCL Tech	1054.80	-9.05
HDFC	2594.85	19.50
HDFC Bank	1590.90	22.60
HDFC Life	599.85	-0.35
Hero MotoCorp	2693.75	-18.30
Hindalco	490.95	13.40
Hind Unilever	2593.25	-50.60
ICICI Bank	866.30	4.95
IndusInd Bank	1213.25	-14.30
Infosys	1471.25	1.50
ITC	331.80	-1.60
JSW Steel	754.20	9.00
Kotak Bank	1801.85	6.30
L&T	2125.35	18.70
M&M	1312.60	-2.30
Maruti Suzuki	8284.45	-8.70
NestleIndia	19758.30	-265.65
NTPC	166.05	-1.90
ONGC	146.80	-2.55
PowerGrid Corp	211.95	0.15
Reliance Ind	2526.15	-32.25
SBI Life	1291.30	-11.30
State Bank	596.70	1.55
Sun Pharma	1028.00	16.15
TataConsumerProduct	759.30	-9.95
Tata Motors	418.20	5.30
Tata Steel	118.85	0.00
TCS	3328.70	42.30
Tech Mahindra	1006.35	3.70
Titan	2437.40	-30.80
UltraTech Cement	7021.95	101.65
UPL	717.80	-6.85
Wipro	393.85	0.80

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on January 11

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.38	81.70
Euro	87.45	87.83
British Pound	98.78	99.17
Japanese Yen (100)	61.43	61.67
Chinese Yuan	12.02	12.07
Swiss Franc	88.18	88.53
Singapore Dollar	61.12	61.36
Canadian Dollar	60.60	60.84
Malaysian Ringitt	18.61	18.69
Australian Dollar	56.17	56.40

Source:Indian Bank

SC to hear Google's challenge to CCI's Android order on Jan. 16

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday agreed to hear Google's plea challenging a ₹1,337-crore penalty imposed by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for alleged anti-competitive practices in relation to Android mobile devices.

Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud said the case would be listed on January 16 after senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, for Google, sought an early hearing during oral mentioning.

Mr. Singhvi submitted that the "extraordinary directions" of the CCI, which are under challenge, had to be complied with by January 19.

There is no finding of abuse of dominance, Singhvi said, adding CCI lacked evidence to back its findings

'Virtually infructuous'

He pointed out that the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) had not only declined to provide any interim relief to the U.S. company, but had instead posted the case to April, virtually rendering Google's appeal infructuous.

"There is no finding of abuse of dominance," Mr. Singhvi contended, adding that there was no evidence to support the findings of the competition watchdog. The NCLAT had directed Google to deposit 10% of the fine before its registry in the next four weeks.

Separately, on October 25, CCI had slapped a penalty of ₹936.44 crore on Google for abusing its dominant position with respect to its Play Store policies. The NCLAT, on Wednesday, refused to grant any interim relief to the tech giant and directed it to deposit 10% of the fine imposed on it.

NCLT to hear plea on RCap auction today

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Mumbai is set to hear on Thursday a crucial petition of the Gujarat-based Torrent Group, which has challenged the Committee of Creditors' (CoC) move to conduct the second round of e-auction for the Reliance Capital, under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) procedure.

On December 21, Torrent Investments had emerged the highest bidder with a ₹8,640-crore offer in the challenger round, while the Hinduja Group, which owns IndusInd Bank, was the second-highest bidder; but subsequently, the Hinduja Group raised the offer to ₹8,950 crore in a belated bid submitted 24 hours after the deadline.

The Hinduja Group's bid was objected to by the Torrent Group on the grounds that the revised bid was submitted after the time had ended. Torrent contended that the late bid should not have been considered by the CoC.

However, despite Torrent's objections, the CoC on Tuesday voted in favour of the second round of bidding.

FAA system outage hits flights across the U.S.

Associated Press
NEW YORK

The world's largest aircraft fleet was grounded for hours by a cascading outage in a Federal Aviation Administration system that delayed or cancelled thousands of flights across the U.S. before it was lifted Wednesday morning.

The White House initially said there was no evidence of a cyberattack behind the outage, that delayed 5,000 flights and saw almost 900 cancelled.

'All Hyundai models to have electric versions'

N. Anand
NEW DELHI

Hyundai Motor India Ltd. (HMIL) is in talks with more players to have electric versions of all its models and to improve localisation, said MD and CEO Unsoo Kim.

Unveiling the all-electric sport utility vehicle (SUV) Ioniq 5, he said the auto major might face some uncertainties in 2023 due to the U.S. Fed's interest rate increase, the Ukraine war and supply chain disruptions. "We are closely watching the situation and will act accordingly," he said, adding that though the company had not arrived at any timeline, it was planning to have electric versions of all its models based on demand.

(The reporter was in New Delhi at the invitation of Hyundai Motor India)

Alternative fuel vehicles take centre stage at Auto Expo 2023

N. Anand
NEW DELHI

Alternative fuel vehicles, predominantly electric vehicles (EVs), took centre stage at the Auto Show 2023, which began in Greater Noida on Wednesday.

Commercial vehicle manufacturer Ashok Leyland (ALL) unveiled seven vehicles based on fuel cells, LNG, CNG, battery EV, and hydrogen internal combustion engine, besides a mini passenger bus.

ALL's EV arm Switch Mobility rolled out an 'intelligent EV series' aimed at addressing last-mile and mid-mile connectivity applications in India.

Maruti Suzuki showcased its concept vehicle eVX, Suzuki's first global strategic EV. The vehicle is expected to make its India debut by 2025. Kia Motors exhibited its concept SUV EV9 and KA4. The auto major also plans to invest ₹2,000 crore in India in EV-related R&D, manufacturing and infrastructure development. BYD unveiled a limited edition of its 5-seater e-SUV ATTO 3. Greaves Cotton showcased six new EV two- and three-wheelers while foraying into electric power trains.

The 16th edition of the Auto Show is being held after a gap of three years, following the pandemic.

While SIAM has termed it the "biggest" show, most German, Japanese and Chinese auto firms have kept away. The show is open to the public from Friday.

'Levy anti-dumping duty on viscose fibre'

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

The Association of Man-made Fibre Industry of India (AMFII) has appealed to the Union Finance Ministry to accept the recommendations of the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) on levy of anti-dumping duty (ADD) on imports of Viscose Staple Fibre from Indonesia.

The association said in a press release that the import of Viscose Staple Fibre (VSF), which is used in readymade garments, home, and industrial textiles, increased fivefold since the removal of ADD in August 2021. "These surging imports at predatory prices are significantly harming the domestic man-made fibre industry," AMFII said.

On December 19, 2022, the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) recommended levying ADD on VSF imports in the face of large-scale dumping at below-cost prices.

Currently, India's free-trade agreements with ASEAN nations allow for export of VSF to India at zero duty.

Sport

Prannoy advances while Sindhu bows out in the Malaysian Open

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
KUALA LUMPUR

Double Olympic medallist P.V. Sindhu faltered on her return to action after a long injury lay-off, but in-form H.S. Prannoy continued his sensational run to progress to the second round of the Malaysia Open Super 1000 badminton tournament here on Wednesday.

Sixth seed Sindhu, who was playing her first match since she sustained a stress fracture on her left ankle en route her Commonwealth Games gold in August, lost 12-21, 10-21, 15-21 to Rio Olympics champion Carolina Marin of Spain in 59 minutes.

Fighting back: Prannoy came from behind to defeat Lakshya Sen. AP

Earlier, World No. 8 Prannoy lived up to his new status of being India's best-ranked men's singles player with a come-from-behind 22-24, 21-12, 21-18 victory over Lakshya Sen, ranked 10th, in an edgy opening-round contest that went for little over an hour. The 30-year-old will next face Indonesia's Chico Aura Dwi Wardoyo.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also advanced to the pre-quarterfinals with a 21-16, 21-13 win over the Korean pair of Choi Sol Gyu and Kim Won Ho.

The World No. 5 duo will meet the Indonesian combination of Muhammad Shohibul Fikri and Bagas Maulana.

Malvika Bansod, however, failed to cross the opening hurdle, losing 9-21, 13-21 to second seed Korean An Se Young.

The women's doubles pair of Ashwini Bhat and Shikha Gautam lost 10-21, 12-21 to Thailand's Supissara Paewsampran and Puttita Supajirakul.

Carlisle should repeat in the B. Vijay Reddy Memorial Cup

Trainer L. D'Silva's Carlisle, who won well in his last start, should repeat his performance in the upper division of B. Vijay Reddy Memorial Cup, the chief event of Thursday's (Jan. 12) races.

1 BUSINESS TYCOON PLATE (1,400m), rated upto 25 (Cat. III) – 1.15 p.m.: 1. Blue Label (8) Surya Prakash 60, 2. Jack Daniel (6) Gaurav Singh 60, 3. Royal Pal (7) R.S. Jodha 60, 4. Track Blazer (4) Santosh Raj) 60, 5. Call Of The Blue (2) Deepak Singh 59, 6. Dream Jewel (5) Abhay Singh 56.5, 7. Silver Lining (1) Md. Ekram Alam 56.5 and 8. It's My Life (3) B. Nikhil 51.5.

1. CALL OF THE BLUE, 2. ROYAL PAL, 3. BLUE LABEL

2 ATTRACTRESS PLATE (1,100m), (Terms), Maiden, 3-y-o only – 1.45: 1. American Flame (9) Mohit Singh 56, 2. Ben Hur (10) B. Nikhil 56, 3. Colt Pistol (8) P. Ajeeth Kumar 56, 4. Happy Soul (4) Surya Prakash 56, 5. MN'S Council (2) Aneel 56, 6. Morning Mist (7) Kiran Naidu 56, 7. Rising Tycoon (5) Akshay Kumar 56, 8. Clare (1) A.A. Vikrant 54.5, 9. Eminency (3) Gaurav Singh 54.5 and 10. Kenaf (6) Afroz Khan 54.5.

1. RISING TYCOON, 2. AMERICAN FLAME, 3. MORNING MIST

3 TWIN STAR CUP (DIV. II) (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 2.15: 1. Golden Inzio (3) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Mireya (7) D.S. Deora 59, 3. Keep Faith (4) Ashad Asbar 58.5, 4. Alpine Girl (1) Shivansh 57, 5. Protocol (2) Md. Ismail 56, 6. My Marvel (6) P. Ajeeth Kumar 55.5, 7. Siri (5) G. Naresh 54.5 and 8. Samrat (8) Mohit Singh 54.

1. GOLDEN INZIO, 2. KEEP FAITH, 3. MY MARVEL

4 TWIN STAR CUP (DIV. I) (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 2.45: 1. Mr. Perfect (4) Mohit Singh 60, 2. Explosive (7) P. Ajeeth Kumar 55, 3. Soorya Vahan (2) Md. Ismail 55, 4. Salisbury (1) Akshay Kumar 54.5, 5. Power Ranger (6) Gaurav Singh 52.5, 6. Sucker Punch (5) B. Nikhil 52, 7. Precious Gift (3) Ajay Kumar 51 and 8. Lady Danger (8) D.S. Deora 50.5.

1. SALISBURY, 2. MR. PERFECT, 3. LADY DANGER

5 B. VIJAY REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. II) (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 3.15: 1. Briar Ridge (3) Santosh Raj 60, 2. Bangor On Dee (5) Rafique Sk. 56, 3. Hard To Toss (1) A.A. Vikrant 54.5, 4. True Marshal (9) Akshay Kumar 54.5, 5. Ambitious Star (4) Md. Ekram Alam 53.5, 6. Garnet (2) P. Ajeeth Kumar 53.5, 7. Above The Law (7) Md. Ismail 53, 8. Only My Way (-), 9. Sally (6) B. Nikhil 52 and 10. Classy Dame (8) R.S. Jodha 51.5.

1. TRUE MARSHAL, 2. ABOVE THE LAW, 3. BANGOR ON DEE

6 ANMOL RATAN PLATE (1,600m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 3.45: 1. Morior Invictus (-), 2. Bandit King (2) Sonu Kumar 59.5, 3. Nightmare (-), 4. Sun Dancer (4) Gaurav Singh 56, 5. Despang (7) Surya Prakash 54.5, 6. Rhythm Selection (1) Aneel 54.5, 7. Miss Marvellous (3) Afroz Khan 53.5, 8. Advance Guard (6) Kuldeep S 52 and 9. Southern Act (5) Md. Ismail 52.

1. MISS MARVELLOUS, 2. BANDIT KING, 3. DESPANG

7 B. VIJAY REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. I) (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 4.15: 1. Carlisle (7) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Maximum Glamour (3) P. Ajeeth Kumar 58.5, 3. Exotic Dancer (6) A.A. Vikrant 55, 4. Beauty Blaze (8) Santosh Raj 54, 5. Vintage Brut (4) Rafique Sk. 53.5, 6. Top Diamond (2) Md. Ismail 53, 7. Costello (9) B. Nikhil 52.5, 8. The Thunder (5) Ashad Asbar 52.5, 9. Mind Reader (10) R.S. Jodha 51.5, 10. Angel Tesoro (11) G. Naresh 51 and 11. Ok Boss (1) Surya Prakash 51.

1. CARLISLE, 2. BEAUTY BLAZE, 3. MAXIMUM GLAMOUR

8 BALLERINA STAR PLATE (1,200m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 4.45: 1. Pacific Command (3) Abhay Singh 60, 2. Unmatched (5) Surya Prakash 59.5, 3. Vision Of Rose (1) Ashad Asbar 59.5, 4. Prime Gardenia (4) Koushik 59, 5. Royal Star (9) Afroz Khan 56, 6. Plethora (6) R.S. Jodha 54.5, 7. Hot Seat (10) Md. Ismail 54, 8. Reining Queen (2) P. Ajeeth Kumar 52.5, 9. Big Boy (8) D.S. Deora 52, 10. Fatuma (7) Gaurav Singh 51.5, 11. Blue Brigade (12) Rafique Sk. 51, 12. Ayur Tej (13) G. Naresh 50.5, 13. Challenger (11) B. Nikhil 50.5 and 14. Gusty Note (14) Santosh Raj 50.5.

1. PLETHORA, 2. VISION OF ROSE, 3. PRIME GARDENIA

Day's Best: CARLISLE

Jackpot: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

Mini Jackpot: (i) 2, 3, 4 & 5. (ii) 5, 6, 7 & 8.

Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3, (ii) 3, 4 & 5, (iii) 6, 7 & 8.

Tanala: All races.

AWAY FROM ACTION

Pant to miss the IPL this year, confirms Ganguly

India's Rishabh Pant will miss the IPL, due to begin in late March or April, because of his injuries in a road accident last month, Sourav Ganguly has confirmed. "Rishabh Pant (who is Delhi Capitals' skipper), will not be available for the IPL," Ganguly, who is due to join DC as director of cricket, was quoted by *Sports Today*.

IN FINE FORM

Conway scores century as New Zealand beats Pakistan

New Zealand, riding on Devon Conway's 101, defeated Pakistan by 79 runs in the second ODI in Karachi on Wednesday. The three-match series is now tied 1-1.
The scores: New Zealand 261 in 49.5 overs (Conway 101, Williamson 85, Nawaz 4/38) bt Pakistan 182 in 43 overs (Babar 79).

TAKING A BREAK

Osaka announces pregnancy, says she plans to return in 2024

Four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka said on Wednesday that she is expecting her first child, days after withdrawing from the Australian Open. She said she would return to competition and expected to be at the Australian Open in 2024. She had earlier declined to elaborate on her withdrawal from the year's first Slam.

IN THE MIX

Djokovic, Jabeur in committe of controversial tennis players body

Novak Djokovic and Ons Jabeur were named on Wednesday on the first executive committee of the controversial Professional Tennis Players Association (PTPA). Six other players were also named on the executive committee — Paula Badosa, Hubert Hurkacz, John Isner, Bethanie Mattek-Sands, Vasek Pospisil and Zheng Saisai.

Upbeat Rohit & Co. will be determined to seal yet another series victory

With the India captain and Kohli hitting top form and Gill, Shreyas and Rahul among standout performers in ODIs, Sri Lanka may find it difficult to stay in the hunt

SRI LANKA IN INDIA

Amol Karhadkar
KOLKATA

Shubman Gill's guile was yet again on display. Rohit Sharma sizzled in his maiden hit of the year. And Virat Kohli lent the knockout punch.

As if that wasn't an ideal start to the preparation for the World Cup, Mohammed Siraj's exploits with the new ball and Umran Malik's magical spell in the middle meant India had Sri Lanka on the mat for most of the opening ODI on Tuesday.

As the touring entourage moves from the north-eastern region to the holy grail of cricket in the eastern metro, Rohit and Co. will be keen to extend head coach Rahul Dravid's birthday celebration by sealing another series at the Eden Gardens.

Honouring a legend: A laser show, planned as a tribute to football great Pele at the Eden Gardens during the break of the second ODI, was rehearsed on Wednesday. K.R. DEEPAK

Sri Lanka – with none of its squad members having the experience of playing at the Colosseum – will be hoping for a miracle to keep the series alive till the weekend. Despite the favourable result – and Rohit and Virat's return to their favourite venue – India still has plenty to ponder with an eye on the World Cup.

The combination that India chose for the series-opener is unlikely to be tinkered with. But it will be interesting to see how India manages the reserves, especially Ishan Kishan and Suryakumar Yadav.

No doubt Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer and K.L. Rahul have been among India's standout performers in ODIs since the start of 2022.

But with Ishan having notched up a double hundred in Bangladesh in Rohit's absence and Suryakumar being in the form of his life, especially in T20Is, the duo is bound to feel hard done by for having to be benched in the ongoing series.

Ishan and Suryakumar's body language in the dugout during Tuesday's series-opener was positive. But the team management will have to go the extra mile to ensure the dressing room remains positive and vibrant.

Despite captain Dasun Shanaka ending the game on a high for Sri Lanka, India is unlikely to change the bowling line-up.

The only point of discussion could be whether to give Hardik Pandya – who has played four games in 10 days with extensive travel in between – a break for managing his workload.

Sri Lanka, on the other hand, will have a lot to ponder over heading into the must-win game. Its lacklustre outing in the PowerPlays and poor catching haunted it big-time in Guwahati.

To add to its woes, left-arm pacer Dilshan Madushanka is unlikely to feature on Thursday after dislocating his right shoulder during the first ODI.

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Hardik Pandya (Vice-capt.), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, K.L. Rahul (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Washington Sundar, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Mohd. Shami, Mohd. Siraj, Umran Malik and Arshdeep Singh.

Sri Lanka: Dasun Shanaka (Capt.), Kusal Mendis (Vice-capt., wk), Pathum Nissanka, Avishka Fernando, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Charith Asalanka, Dhananjaya de Silva, Wanindu Hasaranga, Ashen Bandara, Maheesh Theekshana, Jeffrey Vandersay, Chamika Karunaratne, Dilshan Madushanka, Kasun Rajitha, Nuwanidu Fernando, Dunith Wellalage, Pramod Madushan and Lahiru Kumara.

Match begins at 1.30 p.m.

Murphy in Aussie squad for Test series against India

Reuters
SYDNEY

Australia has kept its bowling options wide open for the upcoming tour of India and named four spinners and six pace bowlers in its squad for the four Test matches in February and March.

Uncapped spinner Todd Murphy was perhaps the most surprising addition to the squad that dominated South Africa on home soil to round out Australia's home summer.

The 22-year-old joins fellow off-spinner Nathan Lyon, Ashton Agar and Mitchell Swepson as the slow bowling options..

The squad:
Pat Cummins (Capt.), Ashton Agar, Scott Boland, Alex Carey, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Peter Handscomb, Travis Head, Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Lance Morris, Todd Murphy, Matthew Renshaw, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Mitchell Swepson and David Warner.
The schedule:
First Test: Feb. 9 to 13 (Nagpur);
Second: Feb. 17 to 21 (Delhi);
Third: March 1 to 5 (Dharamsala); **Fourth:** March 9 to 13 (Ahmedabad).

Hockey World Cup off to a spectacular start

Correspondent
CUTTACK

The FIH Men's World Cup Hockey-2023 got underway at the picturesque Barabati Stadium here on Wednesday evening with a spectacular opening ceremony that was witnessed by thousands of hockey lovers in attendance from across the country and from outside. Union Sports minister Anurag Thakur, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik joined FIH President Tayab Bikram and Hockey India chairman Dilip Tirkey at the glittering opening ceremony to welcome the members of all the 16 participating teams.

Declaring it open: Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik and hockey brand ambassador Olly arrive for the inaugural function. BISWARANJAN ROUT

In his address, complimenting the State of Odisha for hosting the mega event consecutively twice, FIH president Tayab said Odisha will henceforth be known as the Land of Hockey.

Thakur, in his address, thanked Odisha government for successfully hosting the elite event in grandeur and said this enthusiasm shows the love of the people of Odisha and India towards hockey.

Talking about cooperative federalism, the Union minister assured that the Central government will always extend its support and assistance to any State for such sporting events.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said Odisha has long been known for its hospitality and hoped that each visitor will take memories of their stay here with them.

He also profusely thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union government for their support to Odisha in hosting the World Cup hockey consecutively twice.

The hour-long opening ceremony was preceded and succeeded by colourful cultural programmes that kept mesmerising the packed audience for nearly seven hours in the evening.

The celebration began with a stunning tribal dance art of the State, which was a fusion of at least six local dance forms choreographed by eminent dance guru Smt Aruna Mohanty.

Odia singers Sniti Mishra, Rituraj Mohanty, Lisa Mishra and a host of other performers, including Ollywood couple Sabysachi Mishra and Archita Sahu enthralled the audience.

At least 16 fan parks were set up at important locations in the city where thousands of hockey lovers and enthusiasts witnessed the opening ceremony on giant screens.

Hundreds of singers from Bollywood and local artists sang the Hockey World Cup theme song that was composed by music director Pritam, who also performed on the stage accompanied by some of the star singers.

Arena of action: A bird's eye view of the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela. ODISHA SPORTS DEPARTMENT

How Odisha overcame challenges to host WC

Y.B. Sarangi
BHUBANESWAR

Constructing a new stadium during a Covid-affected period was the biggest challenge for the Odisha Government while trying to live up to its promise of hosting the 2023 men's Hockey World Cup in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela.

Odisha Sports Minister Tusharkanti Behera took pride in the fact that the 20,000-capacity Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, constructed at a cost of about ₹260 crore, was built in time.

"We had thought of renovating the existing stadium (in Rourkela). When we did not get support from the Steel Authority of India Ltd., the Chief Minister (Naveen Patnaik) decided that we would construct our own stadium. It was a race against time. We had a target of completing it in 12 months, but we did it in 15 months," said Behera.

"Now the target is to do better than the benchmark we had set four years ago (in the previous edition in Bhubaneswar)."

Additional rooms

The State Government built 225 rooms with five-star facilities to accommodate players and officials in Rourkela and signed an MoU with the Taj Group for hospitality.

Apart from promoting tourism through the mega event, the state has a legacy plan.

"The stadium in Rourkela is going to inspire thousands of hockey players. Twenty-one new training centres with synthetic turfs are established to promote hockey at the grassroots level," said Krishna.

Behera spoke about the state's bigger vision.

"We want the effect to be felt in coastal districts as well. Our target is that Odisha's contribution should be significant in World Cup and Olympic teams," said Behera.

Experts say the hit be revived as an alternative to the drag-flick

Uthra Ganesan
ROURKELA

The drag-flick is one of the most familiar techniques in modern world hockey and the first option for teams trying to score through a penalty corner. But some of the best in the business insist the one-rule-fits-all isn't the best way to go about utilising penalty corners. The drag-flick's predecessor, the 'hit' has been steadily regaining acceptance from former players

Bram Lomans, one of the earliest drag-flick practitioners, is one in a long line of Dutchmen who elevated the technique to an art form.

"I think the 'hit' is still very important. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if some team even here (at the World Cup) tries to use it to score. I also think teams around the world need to start developing it again and find good hitters because scoring through flicks is also getting tougher, the space and angles to score is getting reduced all the time," Lomans, who worked with the Indian drag-flickers for a specialised one-week camp fine-tuning their actions ahead of the World Cup, told *The Hindu*.

New ideas: Lomans with Indian team members during a special penalty corner training session recently. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Another Dutch great and PC specialist, Ties Kruize, also favours retaining the 'hit'.

"I think moving from hit to flick was a natural development, in line with changing rules and the goalkeepers and defenders getting better and teams trying to find new ways to score. But sometimes you get 3-4 short corners quickly and don't score and maybe players should think, 'I should try an alternative way, maybe give it a good hit'? There can be so many variations, they are all legal," Kruize wondered.

Lomans agreed, acknowledging the importance of the flick but insisting teams ought to experiment. "See, the main reason flicking developed was because it got difficult scoring through hits. It was easier earlier because a hit was scored from inside the circle, so the ball had to travel maybe 10-12m. Then the rules changed and the ball had to go out of the circle before a shot could be taken, so the distance increased to around 15m and that makes a huge difference in actual play at those speeds.

"Defence also matters. With a hit you could only hit as high as the backboard and the goalkeepers would naturally lie down to save. With a flick, you have the entire goal to score but that area is reducing with better defence and goalkeepers hardly lie flat now. And, of course, variety is always good," he explained.

Shreyas' knock puts Karnataka on course for innings victory

All-rounder falls short of a century by just five runs; adds 109 for the fifth wicket with Srinivas; skipper Manish Pandey, who retired hurt, remains unbeaten on 75

In his element: Shreyas, who propelled Karnataka, was unlucky to miss his century. SUDHAKARA JAIN

RANJI TROPHY

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Shreyas Gopal has not played a big role as Karnataka's second spinner in this Ranji Trophy campaign. Shreyas has bowled only 48 overs in three matches.

If Shreyas had to make an impact, it had to come with the bat.

The 29-year-old did just that on Wednesday, making a crucial 95 to effectively shut Rajasthan out of the game.

Shreyas' knock, studded with clean on-drives and crisp cuts, took Karnataka to 380 for eight at the end of the second day. The host holds a big lead of 251 runs, and can press for an innings victory.

A poor shot cost Shreyas the chance to record his fifth First Class hundred. A half-hearted jab to a wide ball from pacer Aniket Choudhary proved costly, as the ball flew to Yash Kothari at slip.

Shreyas grew in confidence during a 109-run fifth-wicket partnership with Sharath Srinivas (42, 120b, 5x4).

Shreyas stated that he enjoys batting as much as bowling. "My debut season was the worst season I have had with the bat. Following that I have always wanted to contribute and prove myself as a batter," he said.

On his limited bowling opportunities this season, Shreyas said, "The wickets have not been very conducive to spin bowling. It's been really good batting wickets and that is probably why we spinners have not come into the tournament."

Skipper Manish Pandey retired hurt in the morning session after taking a painful blow to the finger from fast bowler Arafat Khan, returned to the crease after Srinivas's dismissal to give Shreyas reliable company.

Pandey was unruffled by the injury, staying unbeaten on 75.

The score:

Rajasthan —1st innings: 129.

Karnataka —1st innings: R. Samarth c Rathore b Choudhary 8, Mayank Agarwal c Kothari b Arafat 52, Devdutt Padikkal b Choudhary 32, Nikin Jose c Menaria b Suthar 39, Manish Pandey (batting) 75, Shreyas Gopal c Kothari b Choudhary 95, Srinivas Sharath b Suthar 42, K. Gowtham c Joshi b Choudhary 7, Vyshak Vijaykumar lbw b Suthar 1, Vidwath Kaverappa (batting) 3, Extras (b-9, lb-13, nb-4): 26; Total (for eight wkts. in 118 overs): 380.

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-88, 3-111, 4-171, 5-280, 6-343, 7-351, 8-354.

Rajasthan bowling: Choudhary 29-7-81-4, Rituraj 23-7-53-0, Arafat 23-1-84-1. Suthar 35-4-110-3, Lomror 8-0-30-0.

RANJI TROPHY SCORES (ROUND FIVE, DAY TWO)

Elite: Group A: Baroda 269 in 100.1 overs (Mahesh Pithiya 52, Akash Deep 4/71) vs. Bengal 189/9 in 59 overs (Anustup Majumdar 90, Sahejadkhan Pathan 4/46).
Nagaland 88 in 42.1 overs (Amit Rana 5/15) vs. Haryana 56/2 in 14.5 overs.
Odisha 191 & 29/0 in 13 overs vs. Himachal Pradesh (HP) 258 in 76.5 overs (Prashant Chopra 138, Amit Kumar 46, Sunil Roul 6/62).
Uttar Pradesh (UP) 107/6 in 52 overs vs. Uttarakhand.
Group B: Mumbai 687/4 decl. in 138.4 overs (Prithvi Shaw 379, Musheer Khan 42, Ajinkya Rahane 191) vs. Assam 129/1 in 39 overs (Subham Mandal 40, Rahul Hazarika 60 batting).
Andhra 459/9 decl. in 133.2 overs (Hanuma Vihari 85, Srikar Bharat 80, Nitish Kumar Reddy 66, Shoaib Md. Khan 78, Hrithik Shokeen 4/114) vs. Delhi 19/1 in 9 overs.
Hyderabad 79 & 191 in 46.4 overs (Tholkanti Goud 58, Chandan Sahani 49, Dharmendrasinh Jadeja 4/34) lost to Saurashtra 327 in 68.3 overs (Dharmendrasinh Jadeja 40, Anikethreddy 7/95); Points: Saurashtra 7 (26), Hyderabad 0 (1).
Maharashtra 446 in 98 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 195, Azim Kazi 88) vs. Tamil Nadu 267/4 in 65 overs (N. Jagadeesan 77, Baba Indrajith 47, Pradosh Ranjan Paul 74 batting, Vijay Shankar 41 batting).
Group C: Jharkhand 103 & 258/3 in 78 overs (Aryaman Sen 85, Kumar Suraj 51, Virat Singh 59 batting) vs. Chhattisgarh 113 in 50.3 overs (Avnish Dhaliwal 50, Ashish Kumar 5/44).
Rajasthan 129 vs. Karnataka 380/8 in 118 overs (Mayank Agarwal 52, Manish Pandey 75 batting, Shreyas Gopal 95, Srinivas Sharath 42, Aniket Choudhary 4/81).
Kerala 327 in 121 overs (Sachin Baby 159, Sijomon Joseph 55) vs. Services 167/6 in 53 overs (Ravi Chauhan 50).
Goa 223 vs. Pondicherry 299/6 in 89 overs (Arun Karthik 113 batting, Ankit Sharma 78, Darshan Misal 4/88).
Group D: Jammu & Kashmir 176/6 in 44 overs (Fazil Rashid 46 batting) vs. Punjab.
Vidarbha 11/0 in 4 overs vs. Chandigarh.

Prithvi Shaw (Mumbai, 379). FILE PHOTO

Madhya Pradesh (MP) 312 in 115.4 overs (Himanshu Mantri 159, Chintan Gaja 6/49) vs. Gujarat 159/4 in 55 overs (Priyank Panchal 71 batting, Manan Hingrajia 43 batting).
Tripura 96 & 70/1 in 14 overs (Bishal Ghosh 42) vs. Railways 337 in 109.1 overs (Shivam Chaudhary 70, Pratham Singh 79, Yuvraj Singh 74, Akash Pandey 57 n.o., Deepak Khatri 4/46).
Plate: Arunachal Pradesh 213 vs. Sikkim 477/8 in 116 overs (Ashish Thapa 150, Sumit Singh 133, Palzor Tamang 77 batting, Nabam Abo 4/117).
Meghalaya 157 & 91 in 34 overs vs. Manipur 220 in 65.2 overs (Langlonyamba Meitan Keishangbam 48, Ronald Longjam 43, Prafullomani Singh 50 n.o., Rajesh Bishnoi 5/63) & 12/1 in 3 overs.
Bihar 474 in 165.1 overs (Babul Kumar 209, Shivam Singh 110) vs. Mizoram 36/2 in 11 overs.

LIVE TELECAST

BWF Malaysia Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 a.m.
Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
India vs Sri Lanka: 2nd ODI, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 p.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 2 & 4.30 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 a.m. (Friday)

Tenacious Swastika qualifies for World championship

Sports Bureau

Swastika Ghosh became the fourth Indian to qualify for the World Table Tennis Championship after beating Chinese Taipei's Liu Hsing-Yin to be among the 28 women singles qualifiers from the Asian Continental Stage of 2023 WTTC Finals in Doha on Wednesday.

Ranked a distant 243, Swastika punched way above her weight to bring down 70th-ranked Liu 4-11, 11-7, 2-11, 3-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-9 in the playoff for 17 to 24 places. Swastika joins Sreeja Akula, Manika Batra and Sharath Kamal who made it by finishing among the top-16 from the continent.

On Wednesday, in the playoffs for 17-24 places, Korea's Lee Zion defeated Diya Chitale 4-1 and Thailand's Jinnipa Sawettabut stopped Reeth 4-2.In the men's singles, where 25 spots were up for grabs, Harmeet Desai is still in the hunt for the last spot.

On Thursday morning, Harmeet faces Singapore's Izaac Quek, who defeated G. Sathiyan in the campaign-opener, for a place in the 25-28 places playoff.

Should he win, Harmeet will have to win two more matches to snatch the 25th spot. In men's doubles, Sharath and Sathiyan made it among the 14 qualified pairs after beating Qatar's Mohammad Abdulwahhab and Ahmad Khalil Al-Mohannadi 11-5, 11-0, 11-9, 11-8.

Similarly, in women's doubles, Sreeja and Reeth defeated Singapore's Goi Rui Xuan and Wong Xin Ru 11-6, 12-10, 13-11, 11-7 to be among the 12 qualifiers.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

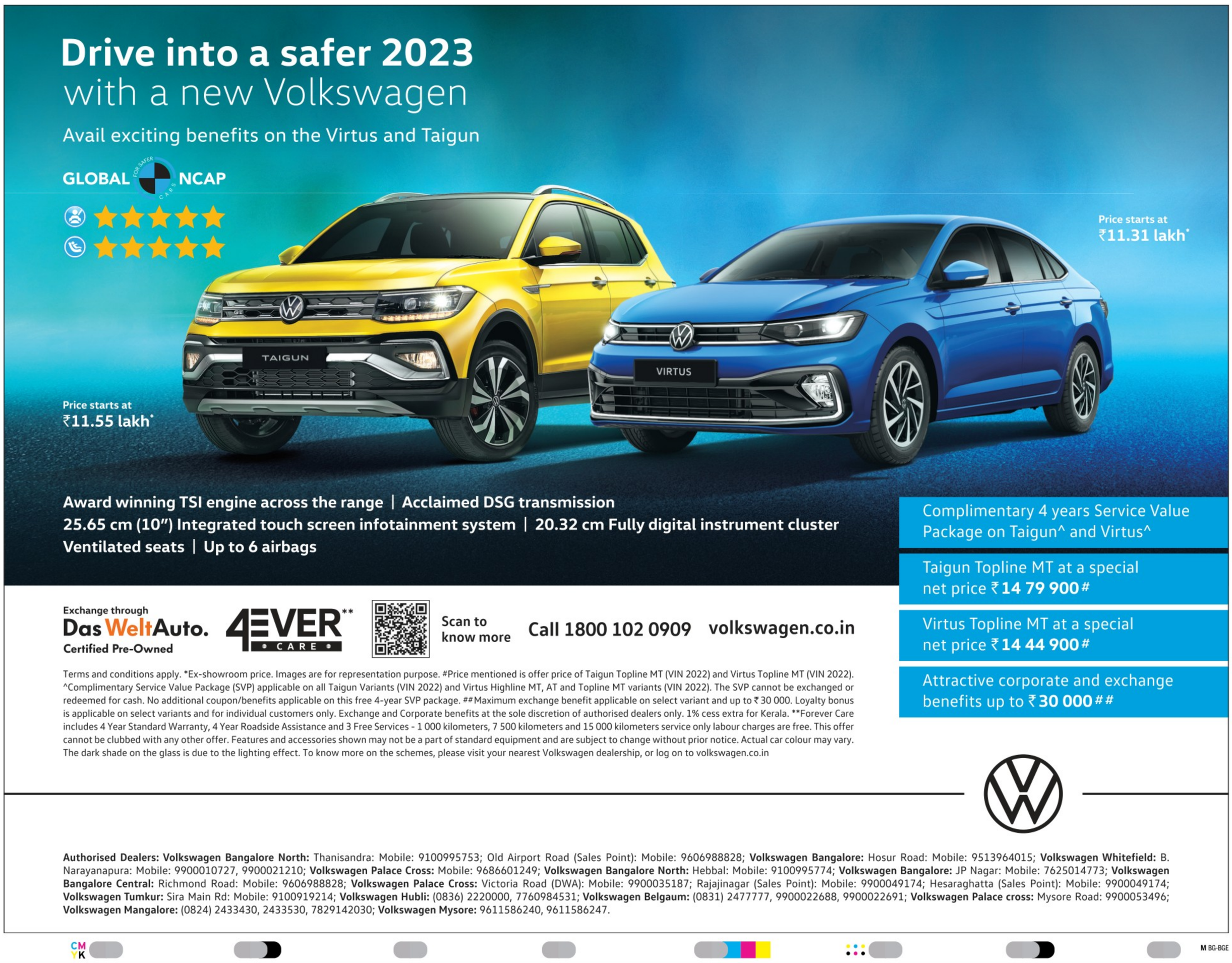
Blue & White romps past RBI

Blue & White HC whipped RBI 10-1 in the KSHA-A division hockey league here.

The results:
Blue & White HC 10 (Praveen Raj 6, Asan Mohammed 11, S. Vetrivez 18, A. Ajay 21, 26, 41, 35, 30, 42, R. Sathish 24) bt RBI 1 (K.D. Vijay 33); Young Star (Raichur) 4 (Shiva Kumar 17, Sunder Raj 21, N.K. Vinayaka 32, Talib 39) bt Rising Star 2 (Joseph 16, M. Babu 30).

Thumping win for Karnataka

Karnataka took out Gujarat by 10 wickets in qualify for the semifinals of the IndusInd Bank Women's National T20 Cricket for the Blind here. Karnataka chased Gujarat's 133-run target in 15.2 overs to finish as the topper of the group.

Subramaya Rao is champion

Subramaya Rao defeated Rajay Mody 59-37, 63-31 in the final to emerge as the champion of the M. Chenniappan Memorial veteran snooker tournament held at Karnataka State Billiards Association here.